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House OKs budget with 80-pct. pay hike for lawmakers

SCHOOL PRIDE PROJECT
One of the buildings that house several classrooms at Oleai Elementary School receives a major facelift work from the Corporate Social Responsibility team of Imperial Pacific International Ltd. This is second year for IPI to respond to school repair and cleanup needs.
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By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

After four recesses, three proposed floor amendments, and two and a half months of committee level efforts, the House of Representatives swiftly passed the fiscal year 2018 budget

» **Budget bill passes House two months before deadline**

yesterday after a two-hour discussion that mainly focused on the legality of an 80-percent salary hike for elected officials.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in his proposed $145-million budget for fiscal year 2018, took into consideration

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House OK's ban on plastic bags

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A bill that seeks to fine stores for using plastic bags passed the House of Representatives unanimously last Friday.

House Bill 20-11 is now headed to the Senate for action.

Authored by Rep. Vinson F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), HB 20-11 would, a year after being signed into law, impose penalties on stores that use plastic bags. The penalty would amount to not less than $100 and not more than $1,000 for each day a violation occurs.

"[It's] not just the government [that has to do its part], but also the investors that do business in the Commonwealth," said House Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan), adding that cooperation and coordination is a must

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Ron Barrineau passes away, 75

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William Ronald Barrineau, who played a monumental role in promoting the humanities in the CNMI, has died. He was 75.

Barrineau

Barrineau, the first executive director of the NMI Humanities Council who was more popularly known as Ron, passed away on July

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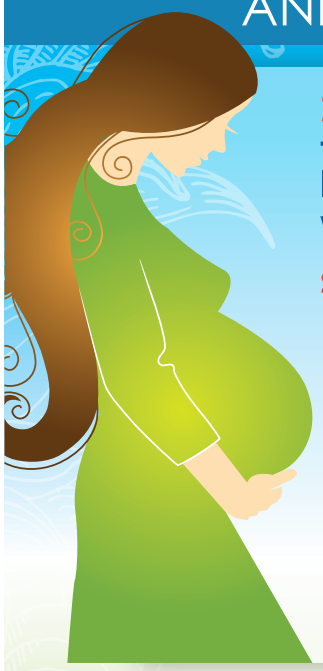

SMOKE? You may have a harder time getting pregnant and be more likely to miscarry than non-smoking women.[1]

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  - Your baby's heart rate
  - The risk that your baby will be born with low birth weight
  - Your baby's risk of developing respiratory problems
  - The chances of stillbirth
  - The risk for certain birth defects like a cleft lip or cleft palate
  - The risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)[2]

PREGNANT WOMEN EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE
Are more likely to have low-birth weight babies[3]

BABIES EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE
are more likely to:
- Get ear infections[4]
- Develop bronchitis and pneumonia[5]
- Die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)[6]

CHILDREN EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE
can also have serious health problems, including:
- Frequent lower respiratory illness
- Wheezing and coughing
- More frequent and severe asthma attacks
- Ear infections[7]

[1] http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/TobaccoUsePregnancy
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Local

Noru now a supertyphoon but moves away

Typhoon Noru is now a supertyphoon, packing maximum sustained winds at 150 miles per hour.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service, Noru is expected to maintain this strength Monday night, then begin to weaken today, Tuesday.

Moving west at 5 miles per hour, Noru was expected to turn northwest yesterday and then gradually northward today, Tuesday.

As of 1pm yesterday, the eye of Noru was located about 145 miles south-southwest of Iwo To, 450 miles northwest of Agrihan, 645 miles north-northwest of Saipan, and 715 miles north-northwest of Guam.

The forecast is that it is moving toward Japan over the weekend. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CUC fuel adjustment charge remains the same in August

There has been no change in average fuel prices, resulting in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. retaining its fuel adjustment fee at $0.14605 per kilowatt-hour for August.

In a statement yesterday, CUC said its fuel supplier, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., informed it that there have been no changes in fuel prices. Accordingly, the FAC pass-through rate, previously known as the levelized energy adjustment clause, remains the same.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission had allowed CUC to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made only when the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5 percent of the average per gallon cost of fuel.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In May 2015, the CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

CHCC working on nurses' wages

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is currently finalizing the proposal to increase the wages of its nurses.

CHCC CEO Esther Muña told *Saipan Tribune* that she and hospital administrator Jesse Tudela would be meeting with nursing managers this week to finalize the proposal.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, nurses were promised a wage increase by this summer. Muña said they are working on the proposal but it takes time and resources.

Newly hired nurses make $25,000 a year and this has been the case since 2006.

Recently, nurses have voiced their frustrations regarding their promised wages and have started to believe that there is a possibility that it may not happen.

Muña said the process takes time and other issues need to be considered, such as legal and finance issues.

According to Muña, the government should be required to foot the wage adjustment so that hospital rates are not compromised.

"If the government does not pay for these adjustments, hospital rate changes will have to be made," she said.

Regardless if the government were to pay for the adjustments or not, the Commonwealth Health Center would still consider adjusting hospital rates.

Although an increase in hospital rates is a possible adjustment to be made, Muña conceded that the hospital is still considerate of the Commonwealth population and its needs.

"We have to ensure that the rate increases are reasonable and appropriate for our unhealthy population," said Muña. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Registration for fall semester ongoing

It's never too late to earn a college degree. Northern Marianas College is reminding all current and prospective students about the following important dates for the upcoming fall 2017 semester:

- Registration for ongoing and new/ readmitted students via Proa Portal: Ongoing until Aug. 18, 2017
- Late registration/advising period: Aug. 14 -18, 2017
- Placement tests: July 31 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 7 to Aug. 10; to schedule your placement test, call 237-6774 or email date/time preference to isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu. Proceed to the Office of Admissions & Records (Building N) to obtain a placement test form. Make payment ($25 per test) at the NMC Cashier Window (Building N).
- First day of classes: Aug. 21, 2017

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management, and associate degrees in business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management.

For more information about registering for classes for the upcoming fall 2017 semester or to apply for admission, contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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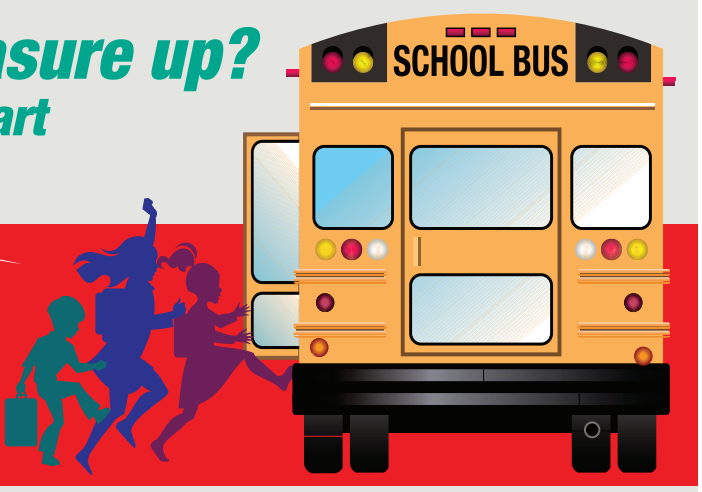

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DYS relocates to Chalan Piao

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The Department of Youth Services has taken up residence in Chalan Piao, leasing the former Joeten Supermarket.

Department of Youth Services acting administrator Sylvio Ada said the department made the transition to Chalan Piao about two weeks ago and it took approximately four days to completely move into the new office.

One of the many reasons the department decided to relocate was mainly to centralize its services, Ada said.

DYS was formerly located on Capital Hill and had been spread out into six different offices.

According to Ada, being stationed up on Capital Hill was bearable for the first few years, but they soon realized it started to become costly. It cost the department time, money, and resources occupying six separate offices.

Now, the department has one building for all the divisions under the Department of Youth Services including Juvenile Probation, Child Protective Services, Family and Youth Outreach, and administrative services.

Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that the transition from Capital Hill to Chalan Piao is more convenient for the entire department.

Ada said their new location would give them access to more schools. The location also keeps the department closer to the courts and to Hopwood Middle School and Marianas High School.

The transition to Chalan Piao would also solve the problems of maintenance. Ada said the buildings they were formerly leasing were over 56 years old and they were already starting to fall apart. Because of how old the buildings were, the roofs started to give out, causing leaks in all the buildings, the plumbing gave out, and there were many other issues.

Because of the repairs that needed to be done to the buildings, the department realized that a lot of their funds were going into the renovation of the buildings. Ada said that one building alone cost $24,000 to renovate and they had five other building that were facing the same issues.

With all the offices compacted into one building now, they no longer need to pay for separate renovations, separate phone bills, and separate utility bills, Ada said.

Aside from the amount of money saved from bringing together four different offices into one building, Ada is more pleased with the fact that their services will be more efficiently delivered because of how close they now are to the community.

As of now, the effectiveness of the transition has yet to be seen, but according to Ada, once the school year starts, their new location will come in handy once they start their outreach programs.

The department still has satellite offices in the northern part of the island so that it can continue to monitor the children and schools located there.

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7D119	BLACK, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, TOURING	$5,000	$20,995

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7D121	GRAY, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, CLUB SOFT-TOP	$8,000	$25,995
7D180	BLUE, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, CLUB SOFT-TOP	$7,000	$26,995
7D142	CERAMIC, 4-CYL. ENGINE, MT, GRAND TOURING HARD-TOP	$5,500	$32,495

CX-3 GRAND TOURING

7D136	GRAY, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, LEATHER, AWD, SUNROOF	$4,000	$24,995
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7H208	GRAY, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, ALLOY WHEELS	$4,000	$17,995
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7H235	BLUE, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, ALLOY WHEELS	$3,000	$18,995

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7HO67	SILVER, LEATHER SEATS, COMPLETELY "LOADED"	$6,500	$38,495

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7H186	BLUE, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, ALLOY WHEELS	$3,500	$22,495
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7M031	GRAY, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, ALLOY WHEELS	$4,500	$20,495

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7M034	WHITE, 4-CYL. ENGINE, AT, BACK-UP CAM, ALLOY WHEELS	$4,500	$20,495

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7M022	BLACK, 4-CYL. ENGINE, 7-PAX, 2WD SE	$3,000	$25,995
7M036	SILVER 4-CYL. ENGINE, 7-PAX, 2WD SE	$3,000	$25,995

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US Navy releases new input dates

The U.S. Navy will accept public comments regarding the Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact statement for the Mariana Island Training and Testing area from Aug. 1 to Sept. 15, 2017.

The original end date for comments was July 28. Because of the revision, comments submitted from July 28 to 31 will still be accepted.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by Sept. 15, 2017, for consideration in the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

All comments submitted during the 45-day comment period will form part of the public record.

Comments may be submitted online at www.MITT-EIS.com or mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makapala Drive, Suite 100 Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134. ***(PR)***

Manglona seeks court order for disputed lot

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REPORTER

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) has asked the Superior Court to compel anyone who has any interest in a piece of land on Upper Capital Hill to appear in court or file pleadings. The property is currently at the center of a tug of war between Manglona and his sibling.

Manglona, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, asked the court to give anyone who has claims to the land to appear or file pleadings in 30 days.

The lawyer said that Paul Manglona's siblings, Priscilla M. Torres, Thomas A. Manglona, and the estate of Bernadita A. Manglona, have been served and have filed their responses to the lawsuit.

Scoggins said this is a quite title action and concerns only adjudication of title or interest in real property located within the property.

"As such, this case is properly a case in which an order to appear or plead is appropriate," he said.

Sen. Manglona is suing Torres, Thomas Manglona, and his own mother's estate over the disputed 4,181-square-meter property.

The senator asked the court to declare him the fee simple owner of the property by virtue of a deed of gift on July 11, 1985, and that neither the estate of Bernadita Manglona, Torres, nor Thomas Manglona have any rights to it.

The senator's previous counsel, Jennifer Dockter, said that Bernadita Manglona, Torres, and Thomas Manglona knew since 1985 of the transfer of property to Paul Manglona.

Dockter said Paul Manglona remains the sole and rightful simple owner of the lot.

In their answer to the lawsuit, Torres and Thomas A. Manglona asserted that their brother, Sen. Manglona, does not inherit entirely the disputed Upper Capital Hill land as their mother's signature had been forged.

Torres and Thomas Manglona, through counsel Samuel I. Mok, said the deed of gift was never actually signed by the grantor as the signature of their mother, Bernadita A. Manglona, had been forged.

Torres and Thomas Manglona are co-administrators of the estate of the late Bernadita Manglona.

Mok asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit in its entirety.

Torres earlier stated that they are just honoring the wishes of their parents before they passed away—equal sharing of property for all their children, including Sen. Manglona.

SCHOOL PRIDE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A hallway of Oleai Elementary School looks more vibrant after a fresh coat of paint from IPI's Corporate Social Responsibility department staff.

BUDGET

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Public Law 19-83, which set a new base salary schedule and increased ceiling for classified civil service employees, including an 80-percent salary hike for elected officials and an appropriation of $2.8 million, or a 5-percent increase, for civil service employee salaries.

The fiscal year 2018 budget bill indicates an annual increase of $30,700 for each House and Senate member while mayors of each senatorial district will get an annual increase of $31,800, effectively bumping legislators' budgets to $70,000 per annum and $75,000 per annum for mayors.

The budget bill was passed in the form of House Bill 20-105 HD2 and a vote of 17-3.

Reps. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan), Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and minority leader Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) voted against the bill because of the salary hike.

Of three proposed floor amendments, only one was denied: the one introduced by Propst to re-appropriate the 80-percent salary hike intended for elected officials of the 20th Legislature to the Department of Public Safety.

Propst had proposed that, instead of appropriating a total of $1,018,772 for the 80-percent increased salaries of elected officials, the money would be better off being used by DPS. He pointed out that entry-level DPS officers make about $21,600 per annum, while the nationwide median is at $49,000.

"One way to get the best [for DPS] is to increase the salary," he said, citing the large disparity in salaries.

Propst also pointed out that the 19th Legislature had a pecuniary interest when it acted to approve the bill that authorized the pay increase. He said the body voted for the bill after the 2016 elections. That means those who were re-elected to the 20th Legislature should have either abstained or declined to vote on the measure since they already knew they were going into office, he said.

"In [voting for House Bill 19-03], those who were re-elected in the 20th Legislature should have abstained or should not have voted on the salary increases because if I got elected and I voted for a salary increase, I have an interest in that. I am going to personally benefit from that," Propst said.

He raised the possibility of taxpayer lawsuits and public scrutiny if the increase is implemented.

Despite Propst's efforts, his floor amendment was defeated by an outstanding vote, which led House Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) to believe a roll-call vote was unnecessary.

House Ways and Means chair Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) introduced a floor amendment that effectively authorizes the CNMI Scholarship Office to administer $1.95 million in Commonwealth Worker Fee funds, or CW1 funds, as proposed by Torres in the past.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute, in a letter addressed to Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, had opposed this, while the Torres administration said the call was to "achieve greater transparency" in the handling of the funds.

Rep. Blas "BJ" Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) introduced a floor amendment that required expenditure authorities for each government business unit to submit expenditure reports. The floor amendment, with the assistance of Reps. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) and Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), required the expenditure reports to be submitted to the Legislature 30 days after the end of each quarter.

HB 20-105 HD2 now heads to the Senate. It is expected to be referred to the Fiscal Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) for adoption before the Senate could act on the bill.

RON

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26, 2017, in Guam.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Barrineau served as the executive director of the NMI Humanities Council from 1992 to 2001 and was then appointed to its board of directors shortly after. He also served on the board as secretary/treasurer.

Barrineau was also a retired teacher at Marianas High School and was credited with playing a significant role in the creation of the Northern Marianas College

"He will forever be remembered for his continuous guidance and extraordinary works done to promote the humanities of the Marianas," said Frankie Eliptico, who currently chairs the council's board.

"Having served as the Humanities Council executive director for about a decade beginning 1992 and then later as a board member, Mr. Barrineau made important and significant contributions to the growth and advancement of the humanities in the Marianas," he said.

According to Eliptico, if it weren't for the guidance of Barrineau, the council would not have thrived as it does today.

"The Humanities Council would not have been where it is today as a thriving organization without Ron's extraordinary work and guidance during the Council's formative years," Eliptico said.

On behalf of the council, Eliptico said that Barrineau will forever be in all of their prayers.

"We are extremely saddened to learn of his passing and will keep him and his family in our prayers," Eliptico said. "We have committed to keeping his memory alive by continuing his lifelong work of promoting the humanities in the Marianas."

Barrineau was predeceased by his wife, Margaret McWhorter Barrineau.

He is survived by their three children: Irene Mariana Barrineau, John Brady Barrineau, and Hannah K. Barrineau, many grandchildren, and his three siblings: Russell Barrineau, Jimmy Cole, and Carol Cole.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at the Saipan Community Church in Susupe, starting at 10am.

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for the conservation of the environment. "The CNMI would make sure to continue [maintaining] the pristine beaches, oceans, and of course, environment."

According to Demapan, the environment is "a priority of the Legislature."

According to the bill's proposal, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, along with the Department of Commerce's enforcement division, would be responsible for enforcing the bill if signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

The bill further gives BECQ and Commerce the right to visit and inspect stores without prior notice.

HB 20-11 indicates that the fines collected would go into an account of BECQ and Commerce for enforcement purposes.

BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman is "happy and glad" that the bill finally left the committee, saying that similar bills were introduced by past legislatures but eventually died at the committee level.

"We are lagging behind in the region. There are other regions that have already banned the use of plastic bags," said Rabauliman.

According to Rabauliman, Yap and American Samoa are examples of island communities that have implemented a policy that bans plastic bags. Honolulu has also banned plastic bag but biodegradable plastic bags are still accepted there.

Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance program coordinator Becky Furey said that MINA has always backed the ban on plastic bags.

According to Furey, MINA has been in partnership with Joeten Enterprises Inc. to reduce the consumption of plastic bags by designating a day of the week where no plastic bags are used.

Within the last year, at least 500,000 plastic bags have been prevented from getting into the environment, Furey said, by just setting aside one day a week without plastic bags.

"If Yap and American Samoa can do it, then the CNMI can ban plastic bags as well. It's really basically just changing the island community's mentality and getting [people] used to reusing bags to help the environment," she said.

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The workshops are scheduled as follows:

■ Rota: Aug. 8, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am, NMC instructional site, Room A-1

■ Tinian: Aug. 9, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am, Tinian Public Library

■ Saipan: Aug. 10, 2017, from 5pm to 7pm, Pedro T. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and TriWest (the VA's third-party administrator for the Choice program) will be present to share information and answer questions. ***(PR)***

OES information out

The Oleai Elementary School PTSA is inviting all students, parents, guardians, family, and the community to the school on Aug. 5, 2017, from 8am to 11:30am to beautify the school campus in preparation for the start of the new school year. Bring your own safety and cleaning supplies!

Oleai Elementary School would also like to invite all incoming and continuing students with their parents and guardians for orientation and Open House for upcoming school year 2017-2018.

• Orientation will take place in the school cafeteria for all grade levels (Kindergarten to 5th grade) on Aug. 10 and Aug. 11, 2017, from 5pm to 6pm. Parents and guardians can choose to come on either night.

• Open House will take place on the following dates for the following grade levels, as follows:

■ Kindergarten to 2nd grade: Aug. 17, 2017, from 5pm to 6pm

■ 3rd grade to 5th grade: Aug. 18, 2017, from 5pm to 6pm

Important information will be discussed during orientation. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this orientation to learn about all Oleai Elementary School activities within the school year. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at FDM, Guam waters

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla starting today, Aug. 1, until Aug. 4, from 10am to 10pm.

The military will also conduct training in waters around Guam within a five-mile nautical radius of the following coordinates 13° 28" 60'N/144° 25"00'E, during the dates and times indicated:

■ Aug. 2-3, from 6:30am to 6pm

■ Aug. 4-5, from midnight to 11:59pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. ***(PR)***

Family grief support group meeting on Aug. 3

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

We offer understanding and hope to parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. We provide a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and listening. We have "been there." We do not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. ***(PR)***

Saipan chamber meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its August general membership meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club. The speakers are Bobby Shringi, board chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and Chris Concepcion, managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Shringi will speak about some of the Guam chamber's activities and missions, about the Guam business climate, and about ways Saipan and Guam can benefit from each other. Concepcion will update Chamber member on the efforts and activities of the MVA.

The buffet luncheon begins at 11:30am with the meeting portion of the agenda starting promptly at noon. ***(PR)***

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The U.S. Navy is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing military readiness activities conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS Study Area. The supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS is being prepared to support ongoing and future activities conducted at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Study Area beyond 2020.

Public Involvement Opportunity

The Navy is requesting your comments on the scope of the analysis to be considered during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments will be accepted online at **www.MITT-EIS.com**, or by mail to:

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McCain points way to better process

"It is time to move on," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

So it is. With a one-vote margin provided by Sen. John McCain, an institutional warrior girding for his own battle against brain cancer, the Senate voted down the Republicans' latest, and perhaps last, attempt to destroy the Affordable Care Act.

That the "skinny repeal" bill made it to the Senate floor early Friday morning, and came within a single vote of passage, is testament to the reckless cynicism that has defined this perverse quest to relieve tens of millions of Americans of their health insurance.

The bill would have eliminated the individual mandate to buy health insurance and suspended, for eight years, enforcement of the employer mandate requiring companies with 50 or more workers to provide employees with coverage. The effect on insurance markets would have been devastating. The proposal also would have eliminated funds for prevention and public health and made it easier for states to avoid federal requirements on insurance benefits. It took an obligatory swipe at Planned Parenthood, restricting Medicaid beneficiaries from being reimbursed for Planned Parenthood services for a year.

It was hard to find anyone who would defend this bill on the merits; Sen. Lindsey Graham called it "terrible policy" before voting for it. He and 48 other Republicans were simply willing to roll the dice in the hope something less awful emerged in conference negotiations with the House.

What McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan must "move on" from, first and foremost, is a reflexive habit of misleading Americans about the complex realities and difficult trade-offs inherent in health-care policy.

When they are ready to make an honest start, Republicans will find there are feasible ideas for solving the real problems with Obamacare. To start, Congress should permanently authorize the cost-sharing payments to insurers meant to keep deductibles low for needy families. It should find alternatives for people living in "bare counties" where all insurers have left the marketplace. And it should shore up the health-care marketplaces by either strengthening the individual mandate that penalizes the uninsured or through another mechanism, such as automatic enrollment.

If nothing else, maybe this sorry episode has taught Congress how not to enact legislation. Neither the House, which passed its own ramshackle repeal bill in May, nor the Senate held a single public hearing on replacing the Affordable Care Act. Experts, patient advocacy groups and professional organizations, who were virtually unanimous in their opposition, were blithely ignored. The goal was clearly not to fix problems with the American health-care system or improve its outcomes, but to solve a political problem stemming from seven years of falsehoods about the law.

In a statement after the vote, McCain emphasized that legitimate outcomes depend on a legitimate process. "We must now return to the correct way of legislating," he said.

It's a prescription Congress should heed.

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A gun is stolen in the US every two minutes

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In the early morning of July 5, NYPD Officer Miosotis Familia was killed by a gunman in an ambush attack while patrolling a Bronx neighborhood. Just weeks earlier, on the other side of the country, a UPS employee entered his San Francisco workplace armed with two guns and opened fire, killing three of his co-workers and injuring two others before turning the gun on himself. While seemingly unrelated, these examples of gun violence share one common feature: Both were committed with stolen firearms.

It a well-known fact of modern American life that we collectively own a massive number of guns—the best guess places the number at about 300 million. One of the risks inherent in this level of gun ownership is theft. Indeed, a new analysis by the Center for American Progress of data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found that a gun is stolen in the U.S. every two minutes.

The ATF, which is responsible for oversight of the gun industry, has been particularly concerned about burglaries and robberies of gun stores, finding that the former have increased 48 percent and the latter 175 percent between 2012 and 2016. During this period, nearly 31,500 guns were stolen from gun stores.

But it's not just gun stores that are targets for thieves. In 2015 alone, gun owners reported $164 million worth of guns stolen nationwide. Local police agencies have sounded the alarm about a rise in thefts from vehicles, urging gun owners to leave their weapons at home or lock them securely if they are left in a car.

These thefts represent more than financial losses to gun owners and dealers. Guns are both dangerous weapons and durable goods. Once stolen, they don't simply disappear from the nation's gun stock—they are transferred and traded in underground illegal markets and often end up used in violent crimes, like the slayings of Officer Familia and UPS employees Wayne Chan, Benson Louie and Michael Lefiti.

Like most aspects of gun violence in the U.S., there is much more that could be done to address this problem.

Amazingly, under current law, the ATF cannot require gun dealers to even lock their doors. Certainly most gun store owners—like any other business owner who wants to make a profit—have implemented security measures to protect against theft. However, gun theft numbers make clear that we cannot solely rely on the industry to police itself.

Congress needs to give the ATF the authority to require gun dealers to take certain basic steps to secure their inventory. A good starting place is the bill Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Ill., introduced this week, which would require gun dealers to store guns securely after business hours and would direct the attorney general to consider regulations regarding additional security requirements.

Congress also needs to ease other restrictions that impede the ATF's ability to effectively oversee gun dealers—such as the appropriations rider that prevents the ATF from requiring dealers to conduct an annual inventory reconciliation—and adequately fund the agency so that it can conduct regular compliance inspections with dealers to help identify security risks.

There's also more that policymakers could do to help prevent thefts from individual gun owners. Gun owners should be required—or at the very least incentivized—to lock up their guns when they are not in use. Not only would this measure help prevent theft, but it would also greatly reduce the risk of accidental shootings by curious children who find guns in their homes.

Policymakers can also improve data collection on how often guns are stolen and the circumstances of those thefts. In most states, gun owners are not required by law to report thefts to law enforcement. That makes the numbers available to the FBI a likely undercount and renders it difficult to accurately gauge the true scope of this problem or develop smart, targeted policy approaches to address it.

Everyone loses when guns are stolen: the gun dealer or owner who suffers a financial loss, law enforcement working to investigate crimes perpetrated with stolen guns, and communities victimized by shootings committed with these guns. A handful of states have stepped in to fill some of these gaps. Maybe this could be one place where Congress could set aside the usual maddening dynamics of the gun debate and actually get something done.

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Want to be happier? Buy yourself more free time

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Want to be happier? Buy yourself more free time. DREAMSTIME/TNS

It might seem lazy to hire a housecleaner or pay the kid next door to mow your lawn. But our new research suggests that spending money to buy yourself free time is an effective—and underused—way to promote your happiness.

We asked more than 6,000 people in North America and Europe whether they spent money on time-saving services. Across both continents, survey-takers who bought their way out of cleaning, cooking, household maintenance and other pesky tasks reported greater life satisfaction. It didn't matter if they were rich or poor: The surveys revealed that people who buy time are happier.

To find out if buying time actually causes greater happiness, we conducted a more direct experiment among 60 working adults in Vancouver, Canada.

The experiment took place over two consecutive weekends.

During one weekend, we gave people $40 to spend on a time-saving purchase. Some paid for cleaning services; others had groceries delivered to their home; one woman hired the "neighborhood boy" to run errands on her behalf.

During the other weekend, we gave the same people $40 to spend on a material good. People bought a variety of items, including new clothes, the board game Cards Against Humanity and what one woman described as "fancy wine."

When we asked people how happy they felt afterward, the results were clear: Spending money on time-saving purchases left people in a better mood than spending money on material things.

Our results suggest that buying time boosts happiness by mitigating the effects of time stress—the feeling that there aren't enough hours in the day. The feeling of being pressed for time is typically linked to lower life satisfaction, and we observed this well-established link in the lives of most of the people we surveyed. What's striking is that the detrimental effect of time stress disappeared among people who used money to buy time.

It might seem obvious that eliminating miserable tasks from daily life should reduce time stress and promote happiness. Yet, we were surprised to discover, even people who can readily afford time-saving services often don't spend money on them.

When we surveyed hundreds of millionaires in the Netherlands, almost half reported that they spent no money to outsource their unenjoyable tasks in a typical month. Similarly, when we asked 98 working adults in Canada how they would spend an extra $40, only 2 percent said they would spend money on time-saving services. Many said they would buy pleasurable experiences, such as going to the ballet, and about half said they would use some of the money to benefit others, to treat a friend to a movie, for example. While research shows these are also good ways of turning money into happiness, the 2 percent figure suggests that buying time is an overlooked route to better well-being.

While researchers and policymakers have devoted a great deal of attention to promoting financial affluence, our research points to the importance of time affluence. Our findings are backed up by a pilot time-banking program at the Stanford School of Medicine. As part of this program, hospital administrators rewarded faculty members with vouchers for time-saving services, such as meal delivery, laundry services and housecleaning.

The results were striking. Doctors who participated in the program reported a 20 percent increase in the likelihood that they would stay at Stanford University for the foreseeable future. They also reported greater work-life balance. As one doctor commented: "Instead of spending countless hours cleaning and cooking, I can actually accomplish work for Stanford in a timely manner. I can also rest at night in a clean home having eaten a decent meal."

The rewards of time-saving might prove especially effective for women. While women have gained better access to educational opportunities in recent decades, their life satisfaction has steadily declined. This downward slide could reflect the challenges of working during the day, then returning home to the "second shift" of household chores. Spending money on time-saving services is likely to lessen the negative effects of women's second shift and reduce gender-based inequalities in well-being.

Don't think about time-saving services as the lazy option. Think of buying time as an escape hatch from the excessive time pressure of modern life. As we've both informed our husbands, the benefits of this strategy are now supported by science.

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We must strive for each other, not against

Is there enough to go around? Do you feel as if you need to compete for every single thing that you get and protect it against loss at all costs, or do you believe that there's enough for everybody if we do our best, work hard and act as responsible citizens?

When I was a graduate student in New York in the 1980s, I lived not far from the Lone Star Cafe. The famous music venue _ Paul Simon mentions it in a song _ was crowned by a 40-foot sculpture of a giant iguana, and its motto was emblazoned right under the giant lizard: "Too Much Is Not Enough."

As an emblem for the 1980s, it was perfect, given the "American-Psycho," "Bright Lights, Big City" sense of self-indulgence during those heady days of the early Reaganomics. The grab-and-go, catch-and-don't-release mentality was everywhere. Even though as a graduate student I was eating Ramen Noodles five days a week, there was a sense that everything, from the stock market to the salaries of regular folks, was going to, like a continuously rising tide, raise all boats.

After 9/11, of course, the city changed. The country changed. Our motto changed. It became clear that not enough was, well, not enough _ and that "not enough" was all too common for all too many people.

A fondness for grit replaced a fondness for glitter after the various financial collapses proved that trickle-down economics leads to a splashy upper class but never makes it far enough down to slake the thirst of even the working poor, let alone the genuinely impoverished.

The American image of the economic windfall, of labor falling into the hands of anyone willing to work _ anyone with diligence enough to deserve a living wage _ has been replaced by the fear of scarcity and the worry that if you get yours, I won't get mine.

That's where we are today, I fear. And I'm not using the phrase "I fear" as a rhetorical device. I'm more worried about our country than I've been since I hid under the desk in my elementary school for duck-and-cover exercises, preparing for nuclear war. And, back then, I wasn't as aware of how much was at stake as I am now. I've become quite fond of life, it turns out.

It's such a curious, intriguing and remarkable world, it would be a real shame to destroy it.

It would be especially sad, shall we say, to destroy life as we know it on the whim of a demagogue who is driven only by a need to win, who cannot bear the idea of losing even if it means losing all, forever, and for everyone.

So, too, as I've grown older, I've come to see life as less of a competition, where from the moment we're born, we're pitted against rivals driven by the same fierce desire to claim and possess the few resources that actually exist. I now see it as more of a collective challenge, where every soul strives, wishing for possible and impossible achievements, and where the debt we owe to one another is greater than any individual credit we can attain.

I'm still competitive in my own way; I won't deny it. But I wouldn't shove you out of line, push you into the curb or stick out my leg to trip you up. What good is winning if the contest is rigged?

What's the thrill of coming in first if you take a limo to the finish line? There are very rich writers who buy every copy of the initial printing of their own books to make themselves instant bestsellers; what's the fun in that?

There's always been a sense of competition driving Americans to do our best, but now everybody's a cynic. Most of us, on both sides of the political aisle, believe the contest is not only rigged, but rotten _ and we believe the other side is run not by simply by the ideologically nefarious but by actual "nut jobs" (to quote our president).

Underlying a familiar, perhaps respectable, and certainly traditional sense of competition is the current idea that it's a zero-sum game, with the winners taking all. This is bad for our country and it needs to stop.

Enough already.

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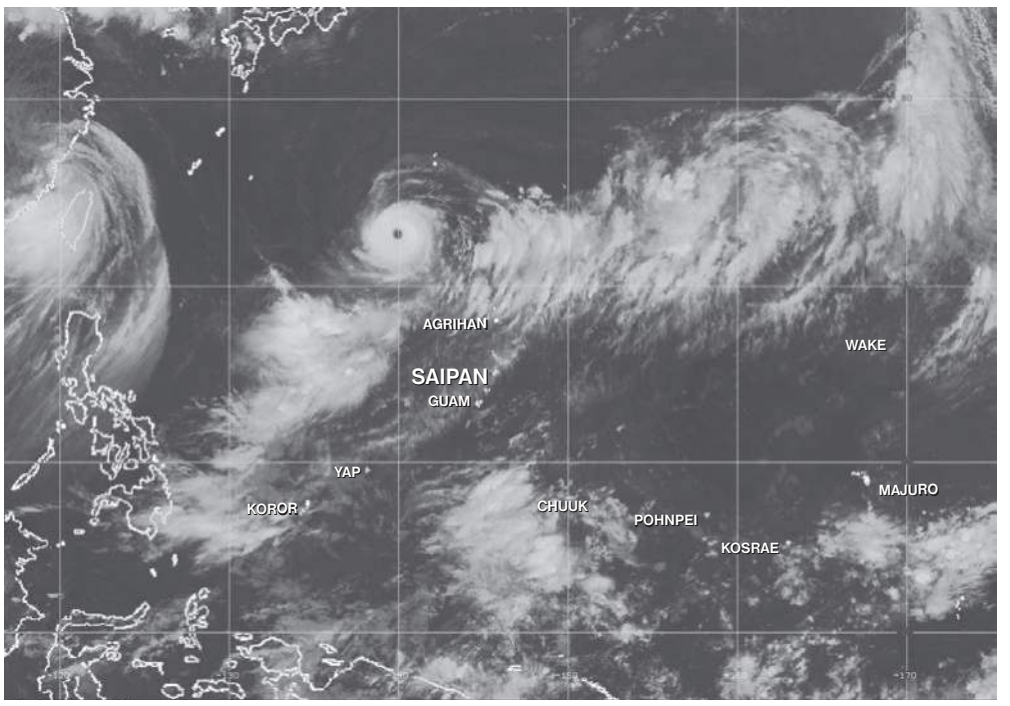
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼79°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:30 AM, MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Have extended isolated showers and thunderstorms through Friday, as the SW monsoon flow looks moist and somewhat unstable for the next several days, and island heating may set off afternoon thunderstorms over the islands as well. Otherwise, little change to the forecast, as SW monsoon flow persists for the next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°
Chuuk	Showers	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Showers	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Showers	86° / 77°
Majuro	Rain	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	57° / 50°
Beijing	Thunderstorms	82° / 75°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	72° / 55°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 71°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	59° / 41°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 82°
New York	Mostly Sunny	89° / 70°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 75°
Paris	Cloudy	81° / 59°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	84° / 75°
Rome	Sunny	99° / 73°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	88° / 69°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	64° / 56°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	93° / 75°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	81° / 70°
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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
1:53 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.75
9:19 AM	LOW TIDE	0.35
4:04 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.38
8:52 PM	LOW TIDE	1.05

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Wednesday	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:38 AM	1:32 PM
Wednesday	-	1:20 AM	2:20 PM
Thursday	-	2:03 AM	3:09 PM
Friday	-	2:49 AM	3:58 PM
Saturday	-	3:36 AM	4:47 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
ZE584	4:00pm	8:05pm	1, 3, 5
ZE584	4:35pm	8:15pm	2, 4, 6, 7
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

ZE583	9:10am	2:40pm	1, 3, 5
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
ZE583	10:05am	3:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7
ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UO42	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Cookie Co. opens 2nd Guam site

HAGATNA, Guam—Honolulu Cookie Company announced that its second location in Guam at the Plaza Shopping Center in Tumon Bay is now open for business.

Located at Suite 153 of the Outrigger Guam Beach Resort at 1275 Pale San Vitores Road, the new store offers the full range of the company's freshly baked, premium pineapple-shaped shortbread cookies in island-inspired flavors.

"Our newest location allows us to share the tastes of the tropics with many that might not venture out from the Tumon Bay area when visiting Guam," said regional sales manager Julie Plant, referring to the upscale resort area popular with tourists.

Honolulu Cookie Company opened its first Guam store last November at Micronesia Mall in Dededo, the island's largest shopping complex. Sales at this location have been strong, prompting the Honolulu-based company to expand less than one year later.

"Our signature packaging has been well received in Guam with our Pineapple Wrap Box and Pineapple Tin among the favorites. We also offer an exclusive Guam Gift Box, which has also proven to be popular with our customers," said director of Product Development Liza Inouye

A nine-piece Guam Gift Tin, shaped like the island itself, is also now available at the Micronesia Mall and Plaza Shopping Center stores, as well as online.

The new location is Honolulu Cookie Company's fourth store outside of Hawaii and the 17th store in its stand-alone retail operations, adding to a portfolio of locations in Hawaii and Las Vegas. The company expects to hire 10 full-time staff members to work at the Tumon Bay store, which is open from 10am to 11pm. daily.

For more information, visit honolulucookie.com. ***(PR)***

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Efforts on to revive language commission

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A new language commission is in the works to shore up efforts to preserve the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian languages.

Representatives of the Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, and the Public School System met with Chamorro/Carolinian language policy commission executive director Cindy Reyes last Friday to discuss their nominees for the language commission.

According to the Reyes, the meeting was a milestone in that it supported efforts to revive the Chamorro/Carolinian language policy commission.

It has been almost seven years since the commission had members.

Friday's meeting was held to nominate individuals to be part of the commission. Once the nominees have been finalized, the list would be handed to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for appointment, Reyes said.

Since joining the language policy commission's office, Reyes has witnessed the number of commission members slowly dwindle. "One by one, their terms had been expiring," she said.

The duty of each commission members is to promote the preservation and use of the Chamorro and Carolinian languages and their attendant use within the culture.

According to Reyes, a language survey done in the community last year illustrated the urgency of their work, with the Chamorro and Carolinian languages slowly dying.

"The native people, Chamorro and Carolinian, we noticed they are mostly using the English language instead of our own [language]," said Reyes.

In order to revive a language, it should be spoken frequently at home by parents, and to make the bilingual classes mandatory for students, she said.

Reyes believes it is important to pass the language from generation to generation not just on Saipan, but also on Guam, Tinian, and Rota.

Jonas Barcinas, the Chamorro/Carolinian language and heritage studies coordinator for PSS, said the commission is vital for the preservation of language and heritage. It is also vital for the Public School System because a commission member is considered qualified to teach the indigenous language in both writing and speech.

According to Reyes, to qualify as a commission member, one must be able to translate English to the Chamorro or Carolinian languages proficiently in both writing and speech.

The list of nominees will be finalized at their next meeting.

BECQ sets monthly cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Laulau Beach on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at 8 am.

To volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Laulau Beach entrance at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

Rota reported collecting a total of over 460 lbs of trash and having 115 volunteers at the just concluded Islandwide Cleanup.

Tinian reported an estimated total of about 320 lbs of trash and over 50 volunteers.

Saipan had the largest, with a total of about 450 volunteers and a total of 4,560 lbs of trash collected.

In all, about 5,340 lbs of trash were removed and disposed of.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(BECQ)***

Island Summer Auto-Fest this weekend

Car enthusiasts will have a chance to showcase their modified bikes, cars, and trucks this Saturday at the Marianas Business Plaza.

The Island Summer Auto-Fest will take place over the weekend and will be hosted by car enthusiast James Fleming.

According to Fleming, this is the third Island Summer Auto-Fest to be done on island and it will offer more categories than last year. "This year, we've opened the sound off and scooter/moped categories," said Fleming.

The auto-fest is open to the public. Individuals who have customized their cars are free to join and be a part of the show to enlighten spectators of their design, inspiration, and customizations.

The decision to start the Island Summer Auto-Fest was inspired by Fleming's love for cars. He started the first car show in 2009 and it has become an annual event since then.

Fleming invites the whole community to come out on Aug. 5 to witness the third auto-fest. It will start at 3pm and last until 9pm; late registrations are still accepted. For additional information, contact Fleming at 483-5304. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

PROCLAMATION SIGNING NMC

Northern Marianas College staff members recently participated in the proclamation signing for the 7th Annual Pretrial & Parole Supervision Week on Rota. In this photo, Supreme Court Associate Justice Perry Inos, center, is joined by NMC staff and other government and community members.

Dr. Ramsey gets 60 days to file amended lawsuit

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has given Dr. Gary Ramsey 60 days to file his first amended wrongful termination lawsuit against the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and others.

Tydingco-Gatewood stated she had given Ramsey leeway to find a new counsel as replacement for his previous counsel, Stephen Woodruff.

At a status conference last Tuesday, Ramsey apprised the court that he had contacted two attorneys from Guam and also searched for a lawyer on Saipan.

Ramsey asked the court to give him 90 days to file his amended complaint as he was still searching for Woodruff's replacement.

Assistant attorneys general Christopher Timmons and Thomas Schweiger objected to the 90-day request.

Timmons is counsel for defendant Jeanolivia Grant, while Schweiger is counsel for defendants CNMI government, CHCC, and other co-defendants.

Tydingco-Gatewood asked Ramsey if he understood that Woodruff could not represent him. Ramsey explained he understood and that Woodruff was only assisting him with the transition of the case.

Last month, Tydingco-Gatewood disbarred Woodruff from practice of law before the District Court.

Ramsey alleges in his lawsuit that the Commonwealth and the public corporation that runs CHC wrongfully denied him privileges at the hospital.

Ramsey named as defendants in his lawsuit the CNMI government, CHCC, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna, and several other present and former hospital officials.

On May 29, 2015, the court dismissed the CNMI government and CHC from the four claims in Ramsey's lawsuit.

The court dismissed with prejudice the CNMI government and CHCC from Ramsey's four claims: declaratory and injunctive relief—unlawful deprivation of property without due process of law, two claims of damages—unlawful deprivation of property without due process of law, and a claim of damages—unlawful deprivation of liberty and property without due process of law. Dismissed with prejudice means Ramsey could not re-file the four claims in the future.

The court also dismissed with prejudice Ramsey's two other claims: violation of U.S. Constitution and violation of CNMI Constitution.

The dismissal leaves four causes of action to remain in the lawsuit: breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and liability of CNMI government.

The CNMI government and co-defendants, through then-Office of the Attorney General Solicitor Division chief James M. Zarones, appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

Zarones initiated the appeal from the court's order, which held that the defendants are not entitled to sovereign immunity.

The Ninth Circuit The judges remanded the case to the U.S. District Court for the NMI and directed it to grant the Commonwealth's motion to dismiss the claims at issue in this appeal. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

GES info for students, parents

Garapan Elementary School would like to inform our students and families of important information regarding school year 2017-2018.

■ **Registration**: Ensure that you have submitted the registration form that was sent out prior to the end of school year 2016-2017 as well as your child's updated documents (school entrance health certificate and updated health insurance).

If we did not receive these documents, your child's name will not appear on the new roster until they are submitted. You can call the main office at 664-3951 to verify that your child's registration documents are complete.

If your child will not be returning to GES, parents/legal guardians must come in and complete the withdrawal/transfer out form.

■ **School supply list**: The basic school supply lists for Kindergarten to 5th grade have been sent to National Office Supply and Modern Stationary. Ensure to request for the list from GES. The supply list is also available for pick up at the GES main office. Please note that this is only the basic school supply list. Your child may receive an additional list from his/her teacher on the first week of school.

■ **Free school meal application**: The free meal application is available at the GES main office. Each year, families and households must complete a new application to avail of free school meals. Students who were free last school year must reapply. The grace period for free students is 30 days after school year 2017-2018 begins.

To avoid delays in free meal services due to application processing, the PSS Child Nutrition Program should receive all forms and supporting documents on or before Sept. 15, 2017. One application per family.

For any questions or inquires, communicate with the PSS Child Nutrition Program at 664-3901/3902 or the GES main office at 664-3951.

■ Bus forms: Properly complete the new bus form to avail of bus services. Forms can be picked up at the GES main office. For any questions or support, you may call the Office of Pupil Transportation at 322-9457.

■ Open House/PTSA meeting: GES has scheduled the new school year Open House for Thursday, Aug. 17, beginning at 5:30pm, with PTSA meeting in the cafeteria.

Parents or legal guardians are highly encouraged to attend the Open House and begin the communication and foundation for partnership throughout the school year. Meet your school family and be informed of the expectations and vice versa.

■ First day of classes: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, is the first day of school. School begins at 7:40am and student dismissal is at 2:40pm. ***(PR)***

Business

Deadly crashes spurring calls for tractor-trailer side guards

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Fifty years after actress Jayne Mansfield died in a Buick that slammed underneath a tractor-trailer, auto safety advocates say regulations inspired by that gruesome crash need updating to prevent hundreds of similar deaths annually.

"We're asking Congress to pass a bill that would mandate comprehensive underride protection, not only on tractor-trailers but on single-unit trucks," such as dump trucks, said Marianne Karth, who lost two teenage daughters, AnnaLeah and Mary, when her Crown Victoria crashed beneath a tractor-trailer in Georgia in 2013.

After two cars skidded under a jackknifed milk tanker truck in northern New York on July 6, killing four people, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer called on federal regulators to order big trucks to be equipped with side guards that would prevent cars from sliding beneath them in a crash.

AP

This June 29, 1967, file photo shows the mangled car that actress Jayne Mansfield died in after colliding with a truck, on Route 90 outside of New Orleans.

"The devastation of crashes like these—a result of a gap in truck safety standards—could be reduced," Schumer, a Democrat, said.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 301 of the 1,542 car occupants killed in collisions with a tractor-trailer in 2015 died when their vehicle struck the side of the rig. Another 292 died when their vehicle struck the rear. The institute's researchers estimate that half the fatal crashes between large trucks and passenger vehicles involve underride, which makes air bags and other crash protection ineffective because the top half of the car is sheared off.

After an acquisition, embrace change

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: After our small company was acquired by a large corporation, everything seemed to change. As the office manager, I have always taken care of administrative duties like payroll, personnel, meeting planning and so forth. But ever since the acquisition, things that should be handled by me are now being sent to my new manager.

My boss doesn't want me to bother him with "secretarial" questions, and I have no communication with the corporate office, so I never know what's going on. When employees come to me for answers, I have no idea what to tell them. I feel as though I'm letting them down. How am I supposed to handle this?

A: Unfortunately, your dilemma is not unusual. Confusion often reigns after an acquisition, especially one that is not well-planned. Preparing for chaos is probably better than anticipating a smooth transition as unrealistic expectations will only increase your frustration.

You must also be realistic about the issues going to your boss you feel "should be handled by you." There are no "shoulds" in this new landscape. Despite being in the same job, you have actually joined a new company, so your role may very well be revised.

To begin reducing the uncertainty, create a detailed list of your previous duties, then ask your manager which will continue and which are likely to change. To avoid peppering him with unwelcome questions, request a regular meeting time to discuss work issues. Finally, try to identify some helpful corporate contacts.

During this post-acquisition phase, you should focus your attention on defining responsibilities, clarifying expectations and developing relationships. If you are patient and persistent, the chaos should eventually subside, allowing you to adjust to the new normal.

Q: The supervisor of our medical office is a horrible bully. If "Anna" is upset with someone, she will make threats, withhold information, stop speaking to them and refuse to let them leave their desk. The last employee to get this treatment supposedly resigned due to health issues, but the real reason was Anna. The owner seems to be completely unaware of this problem. What should we do?

A: You appear to have three choices in this situation — live with it, leave it, or try to fix it. Because no one should be forced to tolerate this kind of abuse, the first option seems untenable. Only a masochist would voluntarily put up with such malicious treatment.

Giving Anna feedback would be both pointless and problematic. Bully bosses seldom change voluntarily, and an angry Anna could just find new ways to torture people. Telling the owner might be helpful as long as everyone goes together. Group action will increase the validity of your comments and make it harder to ignore the problem.

But if the owner tends to be a wimpy boss, or if he and Anna have a close relationship, then finding a better workplace may be the wisest choice. Because health care is a growing field, medical jobs tend to be easier to find. And almost any other office would be preferable to this one.

Nation

Travel ban keeping orphan kids from US foster families

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Tianna Rooney has already bought the poster board for the sign she'll wave when the 16-year-old refugee boy her family is taking in arrives in the United States. Rooney knows the exact words of welcome she'll write on it, in the teenager's native language from the African country of Eritrea.

But Rooney's family is leaving the sign blank, for now. She and her husband, Todd, fear actually writing the words "Welcome Home" could break her heart.

The foster son they're waiting for is part of a small, three-decade-old U.S. program for so-called unaccompanied refugee minors that has been halted by a series of new refugee bans and travel limits imposed by the Trump administration in the name of fighting terrorism.

By blocking the program, the U.S. travel bans have stranded more than 100 refugee children who were already matched to waiting American foster families. Without parents or other adult relatives, those kids are living on their own in countries of temporary refuge, in limbo while their U.S. foster parents hope for a court ruling that will allow the children to finish their journeys.

Since the June day a refugee agency matched the Rooneys with their foster son, which turned out to be the same day of the first Supreme Court ruling barring him, "we have experienced this very unexpected ride of grief in our family," says Rooney, a 39-year-old family therapist and mother of two from Brighton, a suburb of Detroit.

Meanwhile, the boy who fled his home country at 13 to avoid widespread forced military conscription of children continues to fend for himself on the streets in his temporary refuge in another African capital, with no phone or internet for the Rooneys to reach him to explain the delay.

"There's part of me that really hopes he knows a family wants him," Tianna Rooney says.

Since the 1980s, the program for orphaned refugee children has brought in more than 6,000 refugee children, including 203 last year.

"These are kids on their own, and struggling to survive," said Elizabeth Foydel, policy counsel with the International Refugee Assistance Project, a Washington, D.C., legal-aid group for refugees.

"How long do you feel comfortable with your child not having a caregiver?" Foydel says she asks other Americans. "Trying to manage for themselves?"

The program for orphaned refugee children from around the world is different from one started by the Obama administration in 2014 for Central American children fleeing a surge in violence there.

In the program for unaccompanied refugee children, kids eking out a living by themselves in a refugee camp or elsewhere must first come to the attention of a U.N. agency, which may choose to refer them for the U.S foster program, especially if the children are deemed to be particularly vulnerable wherever they are now. The children must then pass U.S. security screenings and other requirements, and win a match with an American foster family or group home.

But a series of Trump administration orders, and court rulings interpreting them, are now barring refugees with no close family in the United States. That requirement shuts out the refugee children in the foster program, who have no relatives they can turn to anywhere.

The child refugees newly blocked from waiting American foster families include five Ethiopian sisters, ages 9 to 16. The girls lost both parents in 2009, and have faced abuse alone in the war zone of neighboring South Sudan and in Sudanese cities, said Jessica Jones, policy counsel for the Baltimore-based Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ohio fair officials say rides to reopen after fatal accident

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Officials say rides shut down at the Ohio State Fair after a thrill ride broke apart and killed a man are open after being re-inspected. Fair officials made the announcement Sunday morning. Some rides, mostly in the fair's Kiddie Land, had previously reopened. All rides were shut down Wednesday night after a swinging and spinning ride called the Fire Ball broke apart, killing 18-year-old high school student Tyler Jarrell and injuring seven others, several critically. The Dutch manufacturer of the Fire Ball subsequently ordered similar rides to shut down worldwide. A co-owner of the company providing rides at the fair has told WCMH-TV in Columbus he's certain a mechanical failure caused the ride to break apart Jarrell's family has hired an attorney to possibly pursue a wrongful death lawsuit.

Fatal wrong-way wreck clogs Colorado's I-70 for hours

DENVER (AP)—Authorities say a pickup truck veered into oncoming traffic and smashed into several vehicles on a Colorado interstate, killing one person and snarling traffic for hours. Colorado State Patrol trooper Nate Reed says the pickup truck was headed west on Interstate 70 near Morrison Sunday when it strayed into the eastbound lanes. A woman whose vehicle was struck by the truck died. Six other people have been taken to a hospital with injuries. Troopers say it's not clear why the truck crossed into wrong-way traffic. Colorado Department of Transportation officials warned on Twitter that any drivers traveling east on I-70 should have plenty of food and water and a full tank of gas because of delays.

Pilot's uncle says plane in Hawaii crash had engine troubles

WAIPAHU, Hawaii (AP)—The uncle of a pilot who died in a plane crash with three others says the plane previously had engine troubles. Rescue crews recovered the bodies of pilot Dean Hutton and his three passengers Saturday. The single-engine plane crashed in a mountainous area northwest of Honolulu. The passengers were identified as 28-year-old Punahou School alumnus Gerrit Evensen, 27-year-old Heather Riley and Alexis Aaron. Hutton's uncle, Scott Potwin, says that the last time Hutton flew the same rental plane it lost all power and communications. According the Federal Aviation Administration's registration site, the plane was owned by John P. Mueller. He did not return calls seeking comments. The National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA are investigating the crash.

Asia

AFTER N. KOREA'S 2ND ICBM TEST

US bombers fly over South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The United States flew two supersonic bombers over the Korean Peninsula on Sunday in a show of force against North Korea following the country's latest intercontinental ballistic missile test. The U.S. also said it conducted a successful test of a missile defense system located in Alaska.

The B-1 bombers were escorted by South Korean fighter jets as they performed a low-pass over an air base near the South Korean capital of Seoul before returning to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, the U.S. Pacific Air Forces said in a statement.

It said the mission was a response to North Korea's two ICBM tests this month. Analysts say flight data from the North's second test, conducted Friday night, showed that a broader part of the mainland United States, including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now in range of Pyongyang's weapons.

Vice President Mike Pence said Sunday during a visit to Estonia that the U.S. and its allies plan to increase pressure on North Korea to end its nuclear program.

"The continued provocations by the rogue regime in North Korea are unacceptable and the United States of America is going to continue to marshal the support of nations across the region and across the world to further isolate North Korea economically and diplomatically," Pence said. "But the era of strategic patience is over. The president of the United States is leading a coalition of nations to bring pressure to bear until that time that North Korea will permanently abandon its nuclear and ballistic missile program."

"The time for talk is over," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said in a statement. She denied reports that Washington would seek an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, saying that new sanctions that fail to increase pressure would be "worse than nothing."

Haley said a weak resolution would show North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that "the international community is unwilling to challenge him," and singled out China, the North's biggest trading partner, as a country that must change its approach.

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he and President Donald Trump spoke by phone Monday morning Asia time and have agreed to take further action against North Korea. Abe said Trump pledged to "take all necessary measures to protect" Japan and that Abe praised his commitment to do so.

Abe said Japan would pursue concrete steps to bolster defense system and capabilities under the firm solidarity with the U.S. and do utmost to protect the safety of the Japanese people.

Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, called North Korea "the most urgent threat to regional stability."

"Diplomacy remains the lead. However, we have a responsibility to our allies and our nation to showcase our unwavering commitment while planning for the worst-case scenario," O'Shaughnessy said. "If called upon, we are ready to respond with rapid, lethal, and overwhelming force at a time and place of our choosing."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that North Korea's latest test presents a clear and present danger to the United States.

"I've spent time on the intelligence and at the briefings, and done as much reading as I possibly could," said Feinstein, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "And I'm convinced that North Korea has never moved at the speed that this leader has to develop an ICBM."

PH mayor linked to drugs, 14 others killed in raids

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Police in the southern Philippines said they fatally shot 15 people Sunday, including a city mayor who was among the politicians President Rodrigo Duterte publicly linked to illegal drugs, in the bloodiest assault so far in Duterte's anti-drug crackdown.

Officers were to serve warrants to Ozamiz Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog Sr. to search his houses for the suspected presence of unlicensed firearms when gunmen opened fire on the police, sparking clashes that killed the mayor and at least 14 other people, Ozamiz police chief Jovie Espenido said.

"He's a high-value target on illegal drugs," Espenido, who oversaw the simultaneous, post-midnight raids on the mayor's residence and three other houses, said at a news conference.

"We enforce the law to protect the people who want peace in this country," he said. "How can we enforce the law if ... we're scared of the drug lords? That cannot be, they should be afraid of people who do good for all."

At least five people, including Parojinog's daughter, who serves as vice mayor of Ozamiz, a port city, were arrested during the raids. Policemen were approaching the mayor's house when his bodyguards opened fire and hit a police car and wounded a police officer, sparking a firefight amid a power outage, Espenido said.

A grenade held by one of Parojinog's bodyguards exploded during the clash inside his house and it remains unclear if he and his wife were killed by the blast or police gunfire or both, Espenido said, adding that assault rifles, grenades, suspected methamphetamine and cash were seized in the raids.

"The administration vowed to intensify the drug campaign," presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella said in connection with Sunday's raids in Ozamiz. "The Parojinogs, if you would recall, are included in (Duterte's) list of personalities involved in the illegal drug trade."

Parojinog, who also faced corruption charges, had denied any links to illegal drugs. He was the third mayor to be killed under Duterte's bloody crackdown on drugs, which has left more than 3,000 dead in reported gunfights with police and thousands of other unexplained deaths of suspects.

Parojinog's daughter, Vice Mayor Nova Echaves, was arrested and was to be flown to Manila for security reasons, regional police Chief Superintendent Timoteo Pacleb said.

The drug killings have been widely criticized by Western governments and human rights groups that have called for an end to what they suspect were extrajudicial killings related to the anti-drug campaign.

Last year, police officers shot dead Albuera town Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr. inside a jail cell in the central province of Leyte, and a week before that, another mayor and his nine bodyguards were gunned down allegedly during a firefight on a road in the southern Philippines.

World

Putin: US will have to shed 755 from diplomatic staff

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin said Sunday the United States would have to cut its embassy and consulate staff in Russia by 755, heightening tensions between Washington and Moscow three days after the U.S. Congress approved sanctions against Russia.

AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin looks on attending the military parade during the Navy Day celebration in St.Petersburg, Russia, on Sunday, July 30, 2017.

In response, the U.S. State Department deemed it "a regrettable and uncalled for act."

Russian's Foreign Ministry on Friday ordered a reduction by Sept. 1 in the number of U.S. diplomatic personnel in Russia. It said it is ordering the U.S. Embassy to limit the number of embassy and consular employees in the country to 455 in response to approval of the new package of American sanctions. The White House has said U.S. President Donald Trump would sign those sanctions into law.

The legislation, which also targets Iran and North Korea, seeks to punish Moscow for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election and for its military aggression in Ukraine and Syria.

"We had hoped that the situation will somehow change, but apparently if it changes, it won't be soon," Putin said in an interview televised on Rossiya 1, explaining why Moscow decided to retaliate. "I thought it was the time to show that we're not going to leave it without an answer."

Russia is open to cooperating with the U.S. on various issues, including terrorism and cybercrime, but instead it "only hears unfounded accusations of meddling in U.S. domestic affairs," he said.

Putin said more than 1,000 people are currently employed at the Moscow embassy and three U.S. consulates in Russia. They include both Americans and Russians hired to work in the diplomatic offices.

The Russian leader did not explain how the figure of 755 positions was calculated.

In a statement, the State Department said: "This is a regrettable and uncalled for act. We are assessing the impact of such a limitation and how we will respond to it. We have no further comment at this time."

The State Department declined to give an exact number of American diplomats or other U.S. officials in Russia, but the figure is believed to be about 400, some of whom have families accompanying them on diplomatic passports.

The vast majority of the more than 1,000 employees at the various US diplomatic missions in Russia, including the embassy in Moscow and consulates in St. Petersburg, Vladivostok and Yekaterinburg, are local employees.

Asked about the potential for additional sanctions against Washington, Putin described the reduction in diplomatic staff as "painful" and said he currently opposes further measures.

"We certainly have something to respond with and restrict those areas of joint cooperation that will be painful for the American side, but I don't think we need to do it," he said, adding that such steps could also harm Russian interests.

WORLD BRIEFS

Election council says 8M voted to create Venezuelan assembly

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's election body says more than 8 million people voted to grant President Nicolas Maduro's ruling socialist party virtually unlimited powers with a constitutional assembly—a turnout more than double the estimates of the government's political opponents and independent experts. National Electoral Council president Tibisay Lucena announced just before midnight that turnout in Sunday's vote was 41.53 percent, or 8,089,320 people. Enraged opposition members mocked the result and said they believed between 2 million and 3 million people voted. One well-respected independent analysis said 3.6 million appeared to have voted. The electoral council's counts in the past have been seen as reliable and generally accurate, but Sunday's announcement appeared certain to escalate the polarization and political conflict paralyzing the country.

Kenya: Intruder killed at VP's home after 18-hour siege

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A lone intruder who managed to enter the home of Kenya's deputy president was killed more than 18 hours after he wounded a police guard with a machete and then killed another with a stolen rifle, Kenya's police chief said Sunday. The man kept police special forces engaged overnight at Deputy President William Ruto's residence on the outskirts of Eldoret, a town 194 miles (312 kilometers) northwest of Nairobi, Police Chief Joseph Boinnet said. Ruto was not injured. Kenyan media reported that the intruder gained entry to the home around noon Saturday, moments after Ruto had left to campaign with President Uhuru Kenyatta for re-election. Once inside the premises, the suspect attacked a police officer with a machete and "inflicted deep cuts on his heads, hands and leg of the officer as he attempted to fight him off," Boinnet said. The intruder then took the wounded officer's rifle, went into another building and fatally shot an officer who was resting after a night shift, the police chief said.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: Big bang for the buck: 2017 Kia Soul Turbo

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I like boxy, practical cars—as far back as my first vehicle, a beat-up '51 Chevy panel truck.

I applauded the arrival of the Toyota Scion XB and the Honda Element when they were both introduced in 2003, and the Nissan Cube when it appeared in 2009.

But I didn't always like the way those cars drove. Big and square, and generally underpowered, they were built more for getting stuff done than for getting there in a hurry.

My feeling about that has changed, though, with the Kia Soul Turbo. It's squat and square like the other box cars, but it's fast and fun to drive too.

I can almost forgive that Darth Vader face.

The turbo version of this car is officially known as the Soul! — with the exclamation point. It's fitted with a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder engine that makes 201 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque, mated to a seven-speed dual-clutch transmission.

Those aren't big numbers, but on this light, front-wheel-drive go-kart, which weighs just over 3,200 pounds, they're big enough to give the Soul Turbo a great, sporty feel.

The sport sensation increases in Sport mode, activated by a button on the steering wheel and with the transmission in its manual stick-shift configuration.

Although not quite as fun as it would be with an actual stick shift — only the $16,100 base model Soul Turbo can be had with a manual transmission, while the Soul-plus comes with a six-speed automatic — it's like driving a factory-tuned "tuner."

MacPherson struts keep the suspension taut. Electronic steering improves the handling. The very tight turning radius makes parking a breeze.

Though there's a little turbo lag to overcome, the Soul is zippy corner to corner and around city streets. But it really comes into its own on twisty roads, where it's almost as much fun to drive as a more powerful, and more expensive, European sports car.

No one will mistake it for that on the freeway, which is where the Soul's bargain-basement price point suffers the most visible defects. The car feels clunky and noisy at highway speeds.

This seemed less true on the Kia Soul EV, the plug-in version that features the same boxy body but is driven by a battery-electric engine. I found that car surprisingly quiet on the road, even at higher speeds — a real achievement, considering electric cars, making no engine noise, often feel very loud when they're flying down the freeway.

Kia has gone to some lengths to outfit its appealing-priced and youthfully aimed Soul with adult accouterments.

So, a 10-way power seat with lumbar adjustments is an option, on the turbo model. A heated steering wheel and heated seats are too, but ventilated seats are not. (They are available as an option on the mid-range Soul-plus model, a result of the different upholstery offered on the two trim lines.)

TNS
The 2017 Kia Soul Turbo is zippy corner to corner and around city streets.

The turbo version can be had with a panoramic sunroof for an extra $1,000 and a "technology package" that includes an improved navigation system, power mirrors, blind spot detection and a Harman Kardon audio system, for an additional $3,000.

Cargo volume is 61 cubic feet, with the seats folded flat — enough to carry a bicycle, your golf bag and your golf partner — partly because there's a tire repair kit instead of an actual spare tire, lug wrench and tire jack.

The car is smart, or maybe half-smart. Standard with keyless ignition, it senses the key fob's presence, and the folding rear mirrors swing out as the driver approaches.

But the doors won't unlock unless the driver pushes a button telling them to.

All three Soul models feature the same exterior specs and the same grimacing front grills, which is probably enough to scare away older, more traditional new-car buyers.

But I don't think many Soul customers will care about any of that — although they may be excited about the sound system and the sunroof.

This car skews young and is going to appeal to a performance-oriented driver who doesn't have the wallet to get into a Porsche, Audi or BMW.

For that buyer, though, like the discontinued Scion line, the Soul offers a lot of fun for the money.

If I were 27 years old and had $27,000 to spend, I would be all over this car.

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NUTS & BOLTS

2017 Kia Soul Turbo

- Quick take: Funky looking and fun to drive
- Highs: Great value for money
- Lows: That face
- Vehicle type: Four-door, five-passenger SUV
- Base price: $23,500
- Price as tested: $27,620
- Powertrain: 1.6-liter, four-cylinder, turbo-charged gasoline engine
- Transmission: Seven-speed dual-clutch automatic
- Horsepower: 201
- Torque: 195 pound-feet
- EPA fuel economy rating: 26 miles per gallon city / 31 highway / 28 combined

Motormouth: Old car with low miles might suffer from old gas

By BOB WEBER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: I'm a senior with a 2001 Buick LeSabre with 73,000 miles. It has a habit of hard starting when the engine is warm. It went through two independent shops and one dealer. The first replaced the temperature sensor, the air filter, spark plugs and wires, the second replaced the idle switch, mass airflow sensor and air temperature sensor and cleaned the throttle. The dealer replaced the air filter and cleaned the fuel injectors. I still have the same problem. I'm on Supplemental Security Income and can't afford a new car, let alone being taken for a ride.

— E.Y., Bolingbrook, Ill.

A: When is the last time you filled your tank? That may sound weird, but some vehicles may still have sufficient winter blend gas in the tank to cause countless drivability problems as soon as the weather warms up. Since you seem to drive less than 5,000 miles a year, your car may be a prime candidate. Taken for a ride? We think not. But it bothers us no end when shops just throw stuff at the car in hopes of fixing the problem. How would they like it if their doctor did the same?

Q: I own a 2015 Honda Accord with 11,000 miles. Recently I noticed that the rear backup camera was loose and wiggled when you moved it. When I brought the Accord to the dealership service department, I was told that the repair/replacement would not be covered by the manufacturer's warranty or the extended protection plan for which I paid extra. They couldn't replace the mount alone; they had to replace the entire camera and mount together. Second, the service adviser told me that they see "a lot of these break. It's due to the car wash." Have you ever heard of rear backup cameras breaking because of going through a car wash?

— P.A., Delray Beach, Fla.

A: Although we are unaware of routine damage due to car washes, that does not mean it could not happen. Although unlikely, careless customers or employees might back the car into the one behind or rear-end the vehicle in front. Carmakers extensively test nearly everything before releasing the car for sale. They test the outside mirrors, antennas, hoods and trunk lids and so on. Most subject the vehicles to rain chambers to make sure there are no leaks. Carmakers consult with car wash manufacturers to be sure that the wheels and tires will not be damaged by the car wash guides. Careless drivers in parking lots present a greater problem.

Q: I suspect you'll receive other inquiries like this after a recent letter and your answer: Where is the "black box" located? Can it be disconnected by the consumer? Will it harm the vehicle's computer if it is disabled or removed? Are there any laws prohibiting disabling the black box?

— B.R., Crystal Lake, Ill.

A: What many of us call the black box is the event data recorder. Different carmakers install them in different locations. Often they are located under the passenger seat or somewhere behind the dash. Disconnecting it may impair some other system. Although we are unaware of any federal or state laws preventing it, we would suggest that you don't. Some states limit what insurance companies can obtain while others require law enforcement to obtain a search warrant before tapping into the car's data link to download the info. If switching the EDR off becomes an option, insurance companies may hike rates for those who do so.

Life & Style

Angelina Jolie says child casting story is false, upsetting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Angelina Jolie says accounts of her casting process for children to appear in her film "First They Killed My Father" are false and upsetting. An excerpt from a Vanity Fair profile of the director sparked backlash online earlier this week from people who criticized the methods as being cruel and exploitative.

Jolie

Adapted from Loung Ung's memoir, the biographical drama centers on her childhood under the brutal Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia. Jolie co-wrote and directed the film, which she talked about in a recent Vanity Fair profile.

The article described a scene in which casting directors in their attempt to find a child actress to play the lead role presented money to impoverished children only to take it away from them as an acting exercise.

Jolie and producer Rithy Panh issued joint statements Sunday responding to the outrage and refuting claims that the production was exploitative through a representative from Netflix, which is producing and distributing the film.

"I am upset that a pretend exercise in an improvisation, from an actual scene in the film, has been written about as if it was a real scenario. The suggestion that real money was taken from a child during an audition is false and upsetting," Jolie said. "I would be outraged myself if this had happened."

Jolie said parents, guardians and doctors were on set daily to care for the children and "make sure that no one was in any way hurt by participating in the recreation of such a painful part of their country's history."

Panh, who himself is a survivor of the Khmer Rouge, added that casting "was done in the most sensitive way possible."

He described a process that was informed both by families' preferences and NGO (non-governmental organization) guidelines in which the children understood that they would be acting out a scene.

"The children were not tricked or entrapped, as some have suggested," Panh said. "They understood very well that this was acting, and make believe."

The Vanity Fair article went into more detail about the production than the one paragraph that circulated on Twitter, which sparked the initial outrage.

A representative from Vanity Fair issued a statement Sunday saying that author Evgenia Peretz "clearly describes what happened during the casting process as a 'game' " and "that the filmmakers went to extraordinary lengths to be sensitive in addressing the psychological stresses on the cast and crew that were inevitable in making a movie about the genocide carried out in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge."

Jolie's film will debut on Netflix sometime after showing at the Toronto International Film Festival this September.

'Dunkirk' conquers 'Emoji,' 'Atomic Blonde' at box office

This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a scene from "Dunkirk." AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Emoji Movie" survived negative reviews but couldn't conquer "Dunkirk," which had enough fight left to conquer the box office for a second weekend in a row.

Down only 44 percent from its first weekend, director Christopher Nolan's World War II film earned $28.1 million to take first place, according to studio estimates on Sunday. "Dunkirk" has grossed $102.8 million domestically to date.

Sony Pictures Animation's "The Emoji Movie" finished second with $25.7 million. The film featuring the voices of T.J. Miller and Anna Faris as anthropomorphized emojis got pummeled by critics. It's currently resting at a dismal 8 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, but audiences still turned out.

"It's great when the critics and audiences are in sync but in the end it comes down to: Has the film reached the intended audience?" said Adrian Smith, Sony's president of domestic distribution. "Seeing these results, it clearly has."

Sony is expecting the film, which cost an estimated $50 million to produce, to play well for the rest of the summer.

The divide between reviews and a film's success has been a continuing topic this summer, as some films, such as "Baywatch," capsized under poor reviews, and others like "The Emoji Movie" seemed immune.

1. "**Dunkirk**," $28.1 million *($45.6 million international).*
2. "**The Emoji Movie**," $25.7 million.
3. "**Girls Trip**," $20.1 million *($2 million international).*
4. "**Atomic Blonde**," $18.6 million *($3 million international).*
5. "**Spider-Man: Homecoming**," $13.5 million *($19.7 million international).*
6. "**War for the Planet of the Apes**," $10.4 million *($20.5 million international).*
7. "**Despicable Me 3**," $7.7 million *($36.1 million international).*
8. "**Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets**," $6.8 million *($13.7 million international).*
9. "**Baby Driver**," $4.1 million *($8.4 million international).*
10. "**Wonder Woman**," $3.5 million.

"Kids don't care about reviews, and there is a severe lack of family films in the marketplace," said Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for comScore.

But "The Emoji Movie" also fell at the box office throughout the weekend after a strong Friday when it placed No. 1, which Dergarabedian thinks could be due to negative word of mouth on social media. By contrast, the extremely well-reviewed "Dunkirk" rose throughout the weekend.

Also holding on quite well is Universal Pictures R-rated comedy "Girls Trip," which fell a miniscule 36 percent from its debut weekend to take third place with $20.1 million.

Even in weekend two, "Girls Trip" beat out the splashy new Charlize Theron actioner "Atomic Blonde," distributed by Universal's boutique label Focus Features. "Atomic Blonde" opened in fourth with $18.6 million.

"We think it's a really solid opening for the movie and think that the film is going to have a nice long life at the box office for the summer," said Lisa Bunnell, president of distribution for Focus Features.

Theron produced and stars in the film about a British spy on a mission in Berlin near the end of the Cold War. It cost an estimated $30 million to produce. While reviews were generally positive, audiences gave the film a middling B CinemaScore, which could affect its word-of-mouth potential.

In fifth place was "Spider-Man: Homecoming" now in its fourth weekend in theater. The new web-slinger added $13.5 million which bumped its domestic total to $278.4 million.

"Homecoming" has now officially passed both "Amazing Spider-Man" movies at the North American box office, although it is still lagging significantly behind the Tobey Maguire "Spider-Man" films.

While the summer box office remains down from last year, audiences are still turning out for some of the buzzier specialty releases. Annapurna Pictures rolled out the Kathryn Bigelow film "Detroit," about an incident during the 1967 riots, a week before its nationwide launch in 20 theaters in 10 markets including Detroit, New York, Los Angeles, Baltimore and Atlanta.

"We were doing early word of mouth screenings, and they were very strong. People were hanging in the lobby of theaters after talking and talking. We decided to kick-start the conversation early," Annapurna distribution president Erik Lomis said. "We're really excited to launch this picture."

"Detroit" earned a strong $365,455 from the limited launch.

Also playing well in limited release is the Al Gore-led climate change documentary "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power," which took in $130,000 from four locations.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Nightmare at the museum: Art auction triggers ethics dispute

BOSTON (AP)—A Massachusetts museum's decision to part with 40 artworks, including two by illustrator Norman Rockwell, has touched off a debate over whether it's ever ethical to sell pieces of the collection to pay the bills.

The Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield has come under intense national and local pressure after announcing it's auctioning the art.

Critics say it's violating a cardinal rule of museums: Don't sell stuff to pay the bills.

"One of the most fundamental and long-standing principles of the museum field is that a collection is held in the public trust and must not be treated as a disposable financial asset," the American Alliance of Museums and the Association of Art Museum Directors said in a joint statement. The sale would be an "irredeemable loss," they added.

Leslie Ferrin, who runs an area company that represents artists, started a Facebook page for members of the local art community opposed to the sale called "Save the art at the Berkshire Museum of Natural History and Art." Members of the group say they hope to convince the museum to change its mind.

"Selling gifts is against every moral and ethical standard" of running a museum, she said.

At auction, the pieces are likely going to be sold to private collectors, and the public will lose access, Ferrin said.

The sale is necessary to ensure the museum's very existence, executive director Van Shields said.

The money raised will help establish a $40 million endowment and pay for $20 million in renovations as the museum refocuses its mission to become a more interdisciplinary and interactive institution more dedicated to history and science.

"We are facing an existential threat. We needed to adapt, migrate or go extinct," he said.

The art being auctioned includes works by Albert Bierstadt, Alexander Calder and Charles Wilson Peale, but it's the Rockwell oil paintings that have stirred the deepest emotions.

"Blacksmith's Boy —Heel and Toe" and "Shuffleton's Barbershop" were gifts to the museum from Rockwell himself, who called the region home for the last 25 years of his life.

Laurie Norton Moffatt, director of the nearby Norman Rockwell Museum, has come out in opposition to the sale.

"For the museum's leadership, the potential price that these irreplaceable artistic treasures could fetch seems to have obscured their very rich role in the life of the Berkshires," she wrote in an opinion piece in The Berkshire Eagle newspaper.

British TV to air Diana's recordings on her failed marriage

LONDON (AP) — A British television channel is broadcasting a new documentary on Princess Diana using controversial videotapes in which she candidly discussed her marital problems and her strained relationship with the royal family.

The recordings of Diana talking to her public speaking coach, Peter Settelen, in the early 1990s included her description of how Queen Elizabeth II reacted when she asked the monarch for advice about her failing marriage with Prince Charles.

"So I went to the top lady, sobbing. And I said 'What do I do? I'm coming to you, what do I do?' And she said 'I don't know what you should do,'" Diana said. "And that was it. And that was help."

AP

In this Wednesday, June 20, 1990 file photo, Britain's Princess Diana and Prince Charles, take shelter under an umbrella while attending the second day of the Royal Ascot horse race meet near London.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Diana's death in a Paris car crash on Aug. 31, 1997, which was followed by an outpouring of grief in Britain and beyond.

Diana and Charles married in 1981 and divorced in 1996 after having two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. The tapes include her discussing Charles' relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, whom Charles later married in 2005.

The recordings also show Diana talking about falling "deeply in love" with a man widely believed to be her protection officer, Barry Mannakee, as well as Charles' attempts to woo her during a barbeque in 1979 when she was 18.

Police held some of the videotapes after they were seized in ex-royal butler Paul Burrell's home in 2001. Diana's family tried to make a legal claim to the recordings, but they were returned to Settelen in 2004.

Excerpts of the recordings were aired in the U.S. in 2004 but they have never been screened in Britain. The documentary airs Aug. 6 on Channel 4.

#NoConfederate campaign against HBO slave drama takes off

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A social media campaign to derail HBO's planned modern-day Southern slavery drama quickly caught fire, prompting the cable channel to ask detractors to withhold judgment until they see "Confederate."

The campaign, with "OscarsSoWhite" activist April Reign among its organizers, asked people to tweet to HBO with the hashtag "NoConfederate" during Sunday's broadcast of the channel's "Game of Thrones."

"Game of Thrones" is produced by David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, who are developing the recently announced "Confederate." The pair, who are white, will work on "Confederate" with husband-and-wife Malcolm Spellman ("Empire") and Nichelle Tramble Spellman ("The Good Wife"), who are black writer-producers.

Reign tweeted Sunday night that #NoConfederate rapidly shot to the top ranks of Twitter both nationally and internationally. It didn't take long for HBO to respond to the campaign that amplified earlier criticism of the project.

"We have great respect for the dialogue and concern being expressed around 'Confederate,'" the channel said in a statement. "We have faith that Nichelle, Dan, David and Malcolm will approach the subject with care and sensitivity. The project is currently in its infancy so we hope that people will reserve judgment until there is something to see."

In announcing "Confederate" earlier this month, HBO described the story as following "a broad swath of characters on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Demilitarized Zone," including freedom fighters, politicians, abolitionists and executives of a slave-holding conglomerate.

A backlash quickly followed, including from writer Roxane Gay ("Hunger," ''Difficult Women"). Her July 25 opinion piece for The New York Times carried the headline, "I Don't Want to Watch Slavery Fan Fiction."

"It is curious that time and again, when people create alternate histories, they are largely replicating a history we already know, and intimately," Gay wrote. "They are replicating histories where whiteness thrives and people of color remain oppressed."

Last week, HBO programming president Casey Bloys acknowledged missteps in how it announced the drama series but defended its value.

Italian poster for "Casablanca" attracts $478,000 at auction

DALLAS (AP)—The only known surviving Italian issue poster for the classic movie "Casablanca" has sold for $478,000 in Dallas at a public auction of vintage movie posters.

The firm Heritage Auctions says the price ties a record for the highest amount paid for a movie poster at a public auction.

The 1946 Italian poster—four years after the Oscar-winning movie was made and first shown in the U.S.—measures 55.5 inches (1,409.7 millimeters) by 78.25 inches (1,987.55 millimeters). It previously was owned by a collector in London.

Auction spokesman Eric Bradley says the buyer Saturday chose to remain anonymous.

Bradley said Sunday the price equaled the record amount paid in 2014 for a poster for "London After Midnight," a 1927 silent movie where Lon Chaney played a vampire.

20,000 fans flee huge fire at music festival in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—A huge fire at a music festival in Spain forced the evacuation of over 20,000 concertgoers and incinerated the event's stage in Barcelona, the regional government said Sunday.

The fire Saturday night consumed the large outdoor stage at the "Tomorrowland" electronic music festival held at Barcelona's Parc de Can Zam. Twelve firefighting units needed around an hour to extinguish the flames just before midnight.

Firefighters said they were investigating the cause. The "Tomorrowland" website published a statement saying the "stage caught fire due to a technical malfunction."

Barcelona firefighters said there were no serious injuries during the evacuation but the event's private security treated 20 people for minor injuries or anxiety.

Video images show the fire starting at the top of a tall temporary structure erected on the stage where a large screen showed a performer signing. The towering flames quickly spread until they engulfed the entire stage.

In a statement, regional authorities said the fire "completely destroyed the stage" and that its charred remains "run the risk of collapsing."

The festival in Barcelona was one of several offshoots of a main "Tomorrowland" festival in Belgium. Organizers said the Barcelona event was canceled following the fire.

Mom suggests best approach to asking about gun safety

DEAR READERS: Today's column is a continuation of yesterday's about the importance of gun safety and parents feeling confident enough to raise the subject with other parents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician and the mother of four curious, intelligent, energetic boys. My primary job as a mom is to keep them healthy, love them and educate them.

I grew up in a small, conservative, gun-friendly community. My grandfather was a hunter. My friends growing up all owned guns at young ages. Many of them today own guns for hunting or because they are first responders. I don't fear the gun. I fear the person who doesn't respect its power enough to properly secure it.

As parents, we have an obligation to ask parents where our child will be spending time: "Do you have a gun in your home? Yes? How is it stored?" What we should be doing is coaching each other how to ask politely without giving offense. What words do you use? I practiced asking because I think the subject is touchy, but it does get easier with practice. (It took me a long time to learn to do it well.)

Abby, please encourage your readers to think about it and share their experiences and best advice. Over the years, I've developed a multitude of openings that allow me to go from funny to sincere quickly. The ultimate question, however, never varies:

1. "You know, I'm so sorry to be 'that' mom, but since we don't know each other well, I need to ask you about a safety issue. Please understand that my question isn't a judgment -- just something I need to ask. Do you keep guns in your home, and if so, how do you secure them?"

2. "This may be me just being overprotective, but the news lately has me fearful, so I have to ask. Do you keep guns in the house, and if so, how do you secure them?"

3. "I love how well our boys play together! It's fun to see their energy have an outlet. But I have a question before their playdate at your house. It's one that always makes me a little uncomfortable, so please forgive me if this seems forward. Do you keep guns on the premises, and if so, how do you secure them?"

This is simple information-gathering so I can make an informed decision for my kids. I write this because I want all parents to feel empowered to ask these questions, and because I know that MY asking prompted at least two moms to re-evaluate and change the way they stored guns in their own homes.

KEMIA SARRAF, MD, MPH

DEAR DR. SARRAF: Thank you for taking the time to write, and for providing a road map for other concerned parents to follow.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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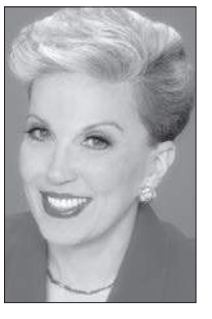

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DEAR ABBY: All of the major national health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, have defined gun violence as a public health epidemic. The protocol for health care providers is to teach parents to ask about guns when children are going to another home to visit. Please educate your readers that asking is critical. This is a public health issue, NOT a political one!

LISA KISER, CNM, WHNP

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WHAT A PERFECT DAY!
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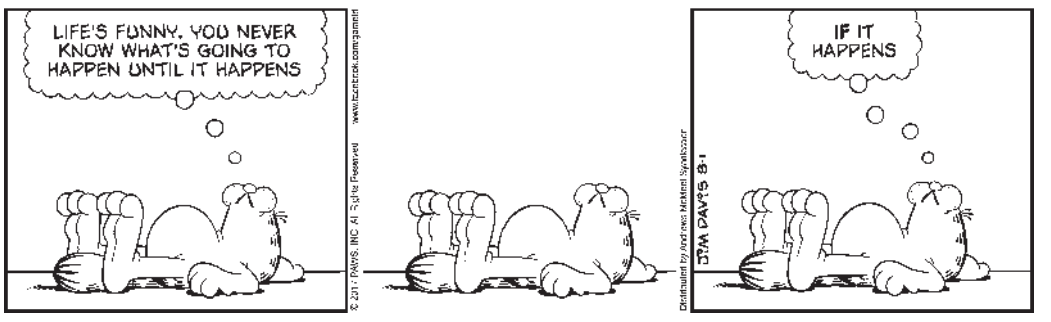
By Jim Davis



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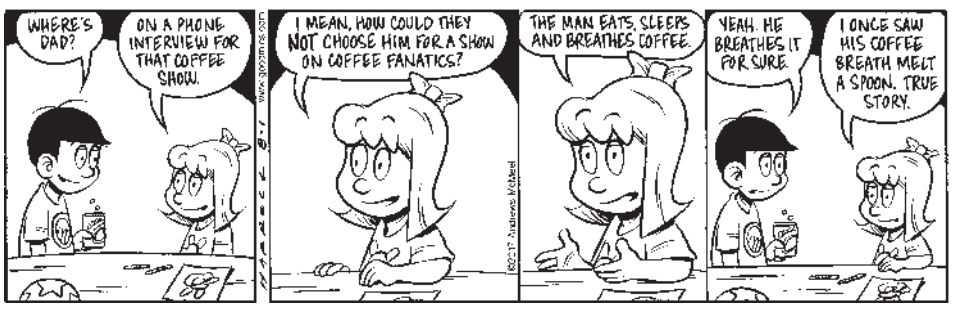
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THE MAN EATS, SLEEPS AND BREATHES COFFEE.
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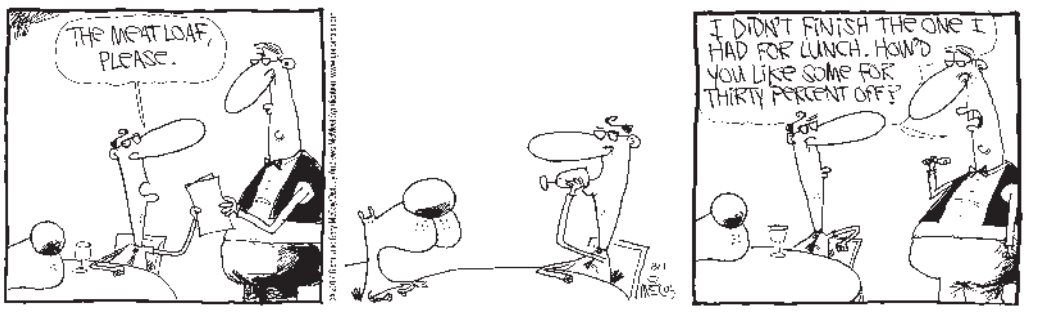
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): It's up to you to make things happen. Get involved, offer your services and see where things lead. Networking and meeting new people will result in worthwhile conversations and opportunities. Be passionate about your approach to life. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Emotional matters will escalate quickly if you don't have a strategy in place and a peaceful way of executing what you want to see happen. Put yourself in someone else's shoes before you make a judgment call. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Stay active and you will achieve your goals. Your works will speak more clearly than your words. The expectations others have will be best served by living up to your promises. Charm will open doors, but actions will keep them ajar. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Getting into situations that are over your head will cause you stress. Think matters through and discuss your concerns with others. Avoid overreacting or being inconsistent. Keep your word and make each move count. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll find it difficult to deal with emotional matters. Put your energy into something that will bring results, and try not to stew over things that you cannot change. Acceptance will help you see your situation clearly and make the best choices possible. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take care of your responsibilities without complaint. Be observant and take notes. Emotional tactics can be expected. Be smart by staying busy and keeping your distance. Say "no" if unreasonable demands are made. ✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Ease into whatever you decide to do today. You'll face opposition if you aren't careful about how you handle those you encounter along the way. Don't let your emotions take over if you get into a debate. Focus on creative endeavors. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Pump up the volume and make some noise. Your input will lead to support as well as opposition. Don't be afraid to make waves or to stand up for your beliefs. Making a statement will set an important precedent. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Back away from a situation that is unstable or offers little hope of success. Protect your investments and choose your friends wisely. Take an innovative approach to the way you handle contracts, finances and other people's affairs. ✪✪✪

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Beltre reaches 3,000th hit milestone in loss to Orioles

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Adrian Beltre doubled for his 3,000th career hit, reaching the milestone in the Texas Rangers' 10-6 loss to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

The Rangers already were down 4-0 when the 38-year-old third baseman, who went 1 for 5 in his 2,771st game, had a hard hit down the line past third base in the fourth inning.

Beltre became the first player from the Dominican Republic, and 31st overall, to join the 3,000-hit club in the major leagues.

Jonathan Schoop and Welington Castillo homered in a five-run fifth for a 9-2 Orioles lead. Castillo also had the last of three consecutive RBI singles off lefty Martin Perez (5-9) in the fourth.

Wade Miley (5-9) went five innings and one of the four hits he allowed being to Beltre, who grounded a 3-0 pitch that went past the bag and then ricocheted off the side wall into left field.

Dodgers 3, Giants 2, 11 innings

In Los Angeles, Kyle Farmer's two-run double in the 11th inning in his first major league at-bat lifted the Dodgers to their eighth straight win

Corey Seager doubled down the right-field line with one out for his third hit of the game and Justin Turner was walked intentionally. Farmer then lined a 3-2 pitch from Luis Suarez (0-1) down the right-field line, scoring both runners for the Dodgers' 31st comeback victory.

Joe Panik had given the Giants a 2-1 lead in the top of the inning with a single up the middle through a drawn-in infield that scored Kelby Tomlinson from third.

The Dodgers won for the 39th time in 45 games, and completed their 14th sweep this season. Los Angeles turned a franchise-record six double plays as it improved to 26-3 at home since June 7.

Pedro Baez (3-1) got the last two outs in the top of the 11th.

Cubs 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Victor Caratini hit his first career home run, a solo shot that broke a tie in the seventh and backed John Lackey's solid six-inning start to help Chicago beat Milwaukee.

Caratini homered to straightaway center off a 1-2 fastball from Zach Davies (12-5) with one out in the seventh for a 3-2 lead, delighting the bevy of Cubs fans who made the trek north from Chicago. The Cubs took two of three games in an important series at Miller Park.

With the non-waiver trade deadline looming Monday, the Cubs increased their lead in the National League Central over the second-place Brewers to 2 1/2 games.

Lackey (8-9) struck out seven and allowed five hits over six innings, including Domingo Santana's game-tying, two-run homer in the sixth that just landed beyond outfielder Jason Heyward's outstretched glove in the right-field corner.

Tigers 13, Astros 1

In Detroit, Justin Verlander pitched six scoreless innings in what could be his last start with Detroit.

Justin Upton matched a career best with six RBIs for the Tigers, who handed the Astros their first back-to-back losses since June 12-13.

Upton had four hits, including a seventh-inning grand slam, and scored twice.

In his last start before Monday's trade deadline, Verlander (6-7) gave up five singles and three walks while striking out six.

The subject of trade rumors since last winter, Verlander received a long standing ovation from the crowd of 31,970 when he walked off the mound after the sixth inning.

Lance McCullers Jr. (7-3), whose dad pitched for the Tigers in 1990, allowed five runs on eight hits in five-plus innings.

Mariners 9, Mets 1

In Seattle, James Paxton tossed six scoreless innings, becoming the first Mariners pitcher to win six games in a single month, and Nelson Cruz had a three-run homer to pace Seattle.

Cruz provided Paxton with an early cushion with a three-run shot in the first inning and Leonys Martin, recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A, homered in his first at-bat and saved a possible run with a diving catch in right field.

Paxton (11-3) had runners aboard in each of his six innings. The lefthander scattered six hits, striking out eight and walking none, with two hit batters in a 108-pitch outing. Paxton, sidelined most of May with a left forearm strain, was 6-0 in six July starts, allowing six earned runs in 39 1/3 innings with no home runs.

Seth Lugo (5-3) allowed five runs on eight hits in five innings, striking out five and walking none.

Pirates 7, Padres 1

In San Diego, Andrew McCutchen hit three home runs for the third time in his career to lift Pittsburgh over San Diego.

McCutchen's big day backed Gerrit Cole (9-7), who pitched seven innings of five-hit ball for the Pirates.

It was just the second win in eight games for the Pirates, who ended the Padres' four-game winning streak.

McCutchen has 22 homers. He connected with two outs in the first off left-hander Clayton Richard (5-12), with the ball clearing the fence just out of the reach of center fielder Manuel Margot. He went deep again in the eighth off rookie Jose Torres and then homered off the right-field foul pole with two outs in the ninth.

It was McCutchen's third multi-homer game of the season and 15th of his career. He also made a nice diving catch in center field to end the eighth.

Rays 5, Yankees 3

In New York, Corey Dickerson hit a go-ahead, two-run single in a three-run third, and Tampa Bay's bullpen allowed one hit over five scoreless innings to salvage the finale of a four-game series.

Sergio Romo, Dan Jennings, Steve Cishek and Tommy Hunter pitched hitless relief after rookie Jacob Faria started just four of 20 batters with strikes and got only 12 outs on his 24th birthday.

Cishek (2-1) pitched 1 2/3 innings, and Colome got three outs for his 30th save in 35 chances. Brett Gardner singled with one out in the ninth, advanced on a wild pitch and Clint Frazier walked. Colome then retired Aaron Judge on a flyout and Matt Holliday on a groundout.

Tampa Bay, which had been 0-6 at Yankee Stadium this year, won despite striking out 16 times. The Rays had lost eight of their previous 10 games.

Ronald Torreyes homered and drove in a career-high three RBIs for the Yankees, who had won six straight and eight of nine.

Royals 5, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Alex Gordon's two-run triple capped a four-run eighth inning, and Kansas City rallied to beat Boston a day after its season-high, nine-game winning streak was snapped.

Alcides Escobar added a two-run single in the eighth and drove in three runs for the Royals, who lost in extra innings on Saturday after taking the series opener.

Rookie Rafael Devers hit a solo homer for Boston and starter Drew Pomeranz gave up one run on seven hits in 6 2/3 innings in his 100th career start.

Jason Hammel (5-8) allowed three runs on seven hits to end a six-start winless streak. His last victory also came against the Red Sox, at home on June 19.

AP

Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre is greeted by his children, Cassandra, top, Adrian Jr., and Canila, right, on the field after Beltre hit his 3,000th career hit off a pitch fro Baltimore Orioles' Wade Miley in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 30, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

Blue Jays 11, Angels 10

In Toronto, Steve Pearce hit his second game-ending grand slam in just four days Toronto pulled off the biggest ninth-inning comeback in team history, rallying for seven runs to beat Los Angeles.

Pearce connected with one out off Bud Norris (1-4). On Thursday, Pearce's slam with two outs in the 10th inning lifted Toronto over Oakland 8-4.

Matt Dermody (1-0) worked three innings for the win.

White Sox 3, Indians 1

In Chicago, Matt Davidson hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, and Chicago ended Cleveland's nine-game winning streak.

Chicago had lost 14 of 15 coming into the game, including seven straight at home, and traded fan favorite Melky Cabrera to Kansas City shortly before the first pitch as part of a roster overhaul.

Jose Abreu got the ninth-inning rally started with a double off Bryan Shaw (4-5) to set up Davidon's heroics, the 21st home run of his rookie season.

Cardinals 3, Diamondbacks 2

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn threw six strong innings and Jose Martinez homered and drove in three runs as St. Louis beat Arizona for its fifth win in seven games.

Lynn (9-6), the subject of trade rumors the past few days, gave up two runs and four hits. He has allowed no more than two earned runs in each of his last six starts.

Lynn retired the last eight batters he faced in improving to 5-0 lifetime against Arizona. Trevor Rosenthal struck out the side in the ninth to pick up his sixth save in eight opportunities.

Reds 6, Marlins 4

In Miami, rookie Luis Castillo pitched a career-best eight innings, Tucker Barnhart drove in three runs and Cincinnati ended a six-game skid.

Castillo (2-4) allowed one run on three hits, striking out six and walking one. He outpitched Dan Straily (7-7) — the right-handers were traded for each last January as part of a four-player deal.

The Marlins, who got a three-run homer from Marcell Ozuna in the ninth off reliever Raisel Iglesias, had their four-game winning streak snapped. NL home run leader Giancarlo Stanton was held out of Miami's lineup for the first time since May 31.

Phillies 2, Braves 1

In Philadelphia, Freddy Galvis hit a bases-loaded single to right field in the ninth inning to give Philadelphia its second straight walk-off win.

Andrew Knapp led off the ninth with a double to left off Rex Brothers (1-2). Manager Brian Snitker lifted Brothers for Akeel Morris.

Morris walked pinch-hitter Ty Kelly to put runners on first and second. Cesar Hernandez was trying to advance the runners with a sacrifice, but his bunt stayed just inside the third-base line and Freddie Freeman's throw was not in time, loading the bases with no outs.

Rockies 10, Nationals 6, 1st game
Nationals 3, Rockies 1, 2nd game

In Washington, Adam Lind and Brian Goodwin homered in the fifth inning to help Washington beat Colorado to split a day-night doubleheader.

In the first game, Charlie Blackmon had four hits and scored four runs, and the Rockies roughed up Erick Fedde in his major league debut.

The Rockies had a 1-0 lead in the second game before Lind's two-run homer off Jon Gray (3-2). One out later, Goodwin followed with his homer for a two-run lead.

Edwin Jackson (2-1) allowed four hits in seven innings, striking out six. Sean Doolittle got his third save.

In the opener, Kyle Freeland (11-7) went five innings, allowing nine hits and four runs while striking out four.

Athletics 6, Twins 5, 12 innings

In Oakland, California, Yonder Alonso homered in the bottom of the 12th inning to lift the Oakland over Minnesota.

Alonzo's 22nd homer of the season came on the first pitch he saw from Tyler Duffey (0-3) and was his second game-ending home run of his career.

Oakland, which won its second straight after a six-game skid, came in tied with the Los Angeles Dodgers for the major league lead with eight game-ending hits.

Josh Smith (1-0) pitched two innings to pick up the win.

Odell Beckham Jr's video calls attention to salary

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Odell Beckham Jr. is very aware that quarterbacks get the biggest bucks in the NFL. And that NBA players, even those who sit on the bench nearly all the time, have fully guaranteed contracts.

He also firmly covets being pro football's highest-paid player, as he proclaimed in a recent online video.

That doesn't mean the star receiver isn't going to show up when it's mandatory, and try his hardest in practices and games.

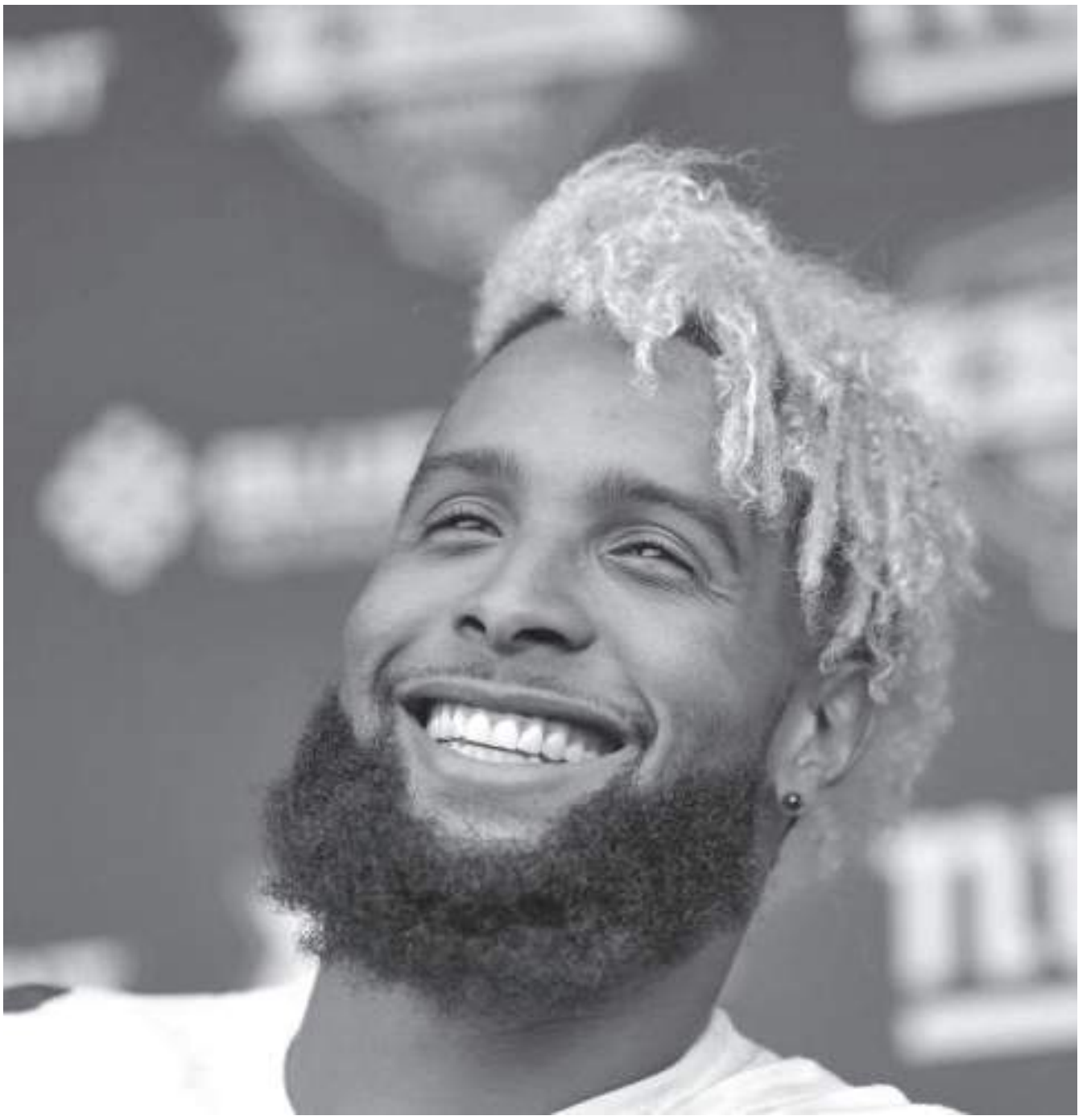
"I am not here to hold out," he said Friday at the Giants' first workout of training camp. "I am here to practice. I am here to get better each and every day. I feel I have stuff I can improve on, stuff I need to work on, and really, stuff I am willing to work on.

"I am 24 years old. I'm trying to play football until I can't play football any more. I can't get caught up taking days off and not playing."

Heading into the fourth season of his rookie contact, he will earn just under $1.84 million, not even close to the $17 million yearly average pulled in by Pittsburgh's Antonio Brown. He is due for a major raise and likely will get one in the next year.

"He deserves to get paid," Giants owner John Mara said. "We're going to pay him. It's just a question of when we enter into the contract. I don't have a timetable on it right now. I just don't feel like there is any need to rush into it. But he is going to end up getting paid."

Still, dropping a video that went viral days before the Giants began camp created headlines. Beckham recognizes the distraction for the team he can create by any public stances about the money he makes.



AP

New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham smiles while talking to reporters at NFL football training camp, Friday, July 28, 2017, in East Rutherford, N.J.

He doesn't seem worried.

"I don't regret anything ever in life," he said. "One quote I always read was: 'Never regret anything because at one point in time that was exactly what you wanted.' Never any regrets for me.

"I think everyone in the locker room knows, I don't think there is any missing information between me and the team, we all know what is going on. If I talk, it's a distraction. If I don't talk, it's a distraction. What am I supposed to do?

"So I am going to speak my mind, I am going to answer pretty much whatever you have to ask and that's just it. Everyone in that locker room knows what is going on, they know why I am here. It is nothing but love. I have nothing but love for them. I have their back and it's the same way around. There is nothing that can get between me and my team."

Perhaps. But Beckham was told by management in his exit interview last January after a playoff loss to Green Bay that he needed to grow up. He's been suspended for a game for on-field actions in a feud with cornerback Josh Norman that bordered on vicious. He's often appeared more concerned with his numbers than the team's.

But he's also a game breaker, the kind of player who makes the spectacular seem routine. His one-handed catch against Dallas in 2014 remains one of the NFL's most-viewed highlights. It's one of many Beckham has contributed on an offense in which he at times has been the only threat.

A player of Beckham's production in the NBA would have a much bigger bank account. A scrub in pro basketball also might. That rankles the receiver.

"What you want to do is change the game," he claimed. "This isn't for me, Odell Beckham. It's for everyone in the league, people who deserve it.

"You sit there and you watch the NBA and it's crazy. Being realistic, it's crazy what they are getting (paid), and there are people in the NFL who deserve that. I want to be in the forefront for it and help push the league and the game that way because I feel like the players deserve it, and I feel like we go through a lot. We go through a lot mentally, physically and emotionally, and they just deserve it. The players in the league work hard for it. It's not for me."

As for the top salary in the NFL going to anyone but the guys who throw passes, well, Mara is skeptical that such a person exists.

"I can't think of one," he said. "The quarterback is all we have had be the highest-paid player."

Chiefs rookie QB Mahomes already turning heads in camp

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes III trotted onto the practice field with just under 2 minutes on the clock and 75 yards to the end zone, the rookie thrust into a challenging spot on the second full day of training camp.

It took him four plays to hit pay dirt.

The former Texas Tech quarterback hit tight end Ross Travis for a big gain over the middle after looking off a safety, showing the kind of nuance it takes to succeed in the NFL. Then he avoided a mistake when his protection broke down.

Finally, he scrambled for a touchdown, showing off the kind of elusiveness that helped to coax the Chiefs into selecting him with the 10th overall pick.

What was the teaching point after such an impressive drive?

"We told him not to get too big of a head," Chiefs offensive coordinator Matt Nagy said.

There is no disputing that Alex Smith is the Chiefs' starting quarterback, and that it would take an injury or monumental collapse by the veteran for Mahomes to see much of the field this season.

But if nothing else, Mahomes is quickly making the kind of impression that should make new Kansas City general manager Brett Veach and coach Andy Reid feel good about the backup job this season—and perhaps the notion of handing the youngster with the big arm the full-time job the following season.

"I thought he was the best quarterback in the draft," said Veach, who at the time was working in the front office for then-GM John Dorsey. "There was no doubt in my mind that was the right decision."

Lest the plaudits get out of hand, there are a few things to keep in mind.

First, Mahomes was wearing a yellow jersey to keep him from getting hit during that two-minute drill, and that tends to give quarterbacks a little more comfort in the pocket.

Second, the Chiefs did not put on full pads until they hit the practice field Sunday, so in fact nobody was getting hit.

And third, he was working with a hodge-podge of players rather than the best on both sides of the ball.

He was also in his element: Mahomes worked in a fast-paced offense that rarely huddled in college, so calling plays on the fly and working from the shotgun was nothing new.

In fact, it may have worked to his advantage.

But none of that stopped the crowd from cheering when Mahomes reached the end zone, especially those fans who have already forked over their hard-earned cash to buy his No. 15 jersey.

"I tell everybody from his very first practice that he had," Nagy said, "when he came in and was screaming in the huddle what the play was and didn't realize he was talking to the defense to where he is right now, looking off safeties, is a huge leap."

Much of the progress came in the offseason, when Mahomes never missed a voluntary workout. He also was present for rookie and mandatory minicamps, even though he didn't sign a contract until last week.

More progress came when the team broke for a couple of weeks of vacation.

"We were just out there working a little extra," said Mahomes, who put in extra time with former NFL quarterback and current Chiefs offensive quality control coach Mike Kafka.

"He could see the improvement that I had stayed with and didn't lose anything," Mahomes said. "So trying to keep building on that and keep building and building until the season comes."

Mahomes made a few dazzling throws when the Chiefs put pads on Sunday, but his first real test will come when the Chiefs play the San Francisco 49ers in their preseason opener on Aug. 11. He will likely be the third quarterback on the field after Smith and current backup Tyler Bray, but the race for the No. 2 job already has become a tight one in training camp.

It'll become even tighter if Mahomes keeps leading the offense to touchdowns.

"You can't break him down," Nagy said. "Coach (Reid) gets after him and every once in a while I'll be looking out the corner of my eye to see if he's starting to break down but he's doing great. And as of now he's pretty unbreakable, but we'll see how it goes as this test goes on."

3 CNMI players entered in ITF tourney

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Robbie Schorr returns to Tony Kim during their singles game in a local tournament at the Pacific Islands Club courts last year.

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The CNMI will have three entries in the 2017 Oceania Closed Junior Championships, which will be held at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji this month.

In the girls singles, the Commonwealth will be represented by Carol Lee and Isabel Heras, who are included on the acceptance list of the tournament that will run from Aug. 7 to 11. In the boys field, the CNMI will have Robbie Schorr. The three CNMI bets will challenge players from Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, American Samoa, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Guam, and host Fiji.

Lee will be the fourth-highest seeded player in the girls field at No. 239 behind No. 72 Violet Apisah of PNG, No. 163 Lisa Mays of Australia, and No. 210 Olivia Gadecki, also of from the Land Down Under. Heras is ranked No. 1,347 and she and Lee could move up to the ladder as more ITF Juniors ranking points are at stake in the B2 tournament. The Oceania Closed offers 120 ranking points to the singles champion and 80, 60, 40, 25, and 10 to the runner-up, semifinalists, quarterfinalists, losers in Last 16, and losers in Last 32. The doubles champions and runners-up will get 80 and 60 points, respectively, and 40, 25, and 10 to the semifinalists, quarterfinalists, and losers in Last 16.

Schorr has 2.5 combined ranking points (10 in doubles and none in singles) and is ranked No. 2,178 as of July 24, 2017. Lee has earned 183.75 (155 in singles and 115 in doubles) after a series of strong showings in tournaments in Morroco, Fiji, and New Caledonia this year, while Heras has 22.5 (15 singles and 30 in doubles).

Lee and company's opening assignments in the singles event of the Oceania Closed won't be determined until this weekend, as players have until Sunday to sign in for the competition.

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Peter Tenorio duplicated his feat in No. 11. Largent conquered No. 15.

A total of 13 MGA members played in perfect weather conditions in the morning and then braved the afternoon showers for the one-day tournament.

MGA will again hold a combined Monthly Ace for July and August on Sunday, Aug. 13, at 10am at Kingfisher Golflinks in Talofofo.

Atalig was the April Ace with James Benavente and Guerrero placing second and third. Jessica Sonoda is the March Ace with Atalig and Harry Nakamura at 2-3, while Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Marco Peter, and Largent were the Top 3 for February with the former earning the Monthly title.

Atalig (president), Largent (vice president), Gerilyn Dela Cruz (secretary), Benavente (treasurer), Yamagishi (tournament director), and Jay Muna (handicap coordinator) are the MGA officers for this year.

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Overall, F. Marinos won its last five games after dropping its opener against Hakone FC early last month, 2-3.

Meanwhile, in the lone boys U16 tiff yesterday, Saipan Elite also ended the double-round robin preliminary on a five-game winning run following a 13-2 whipping of NMI U16.

Rohan Basnet led Saipan Elite's demolition of NMI U16 with his hat trick, while Merrick Toves, Oliver Fajardo, Jaydee Jose, Rintaro Miyawami, and Oliver Lee added two goals apiece.

Saipan Elite, with its 5-1-0 win-draw-loss mark, topped the division and will be facing the winless HK SSS (0-0-5) in tomorrow's semis game. NMI U16, which drew its two goals from Brandon Tenorio, is also done in the preliminary with its 2-0-4 slate and will challenge 4Gives FC (3-1-1) in the other semis tiff on Thursday.

4Gives will play its last game today against HK SSS at 4pm after the 3pm match between Kanoa Football Club 1 and 2 in the co-ed U12. The match between the two Kanoa FC teams will have no bearing in the team standings as Kanoa FC 2 (3-0-2) and SSS (4-0-1) have already arranged their showdown for the division title. Only the Top 2 teams after the three-round robin games will face in the finals and Kanoa FC 1 can no longer catch up with Kanoa 2 for the second spot despite having two matches left in the elimination. After facing Kanoa FC 2, Kanoa FC 1 will play SSS for its last game tomorrow at 3pm.

Jhonattan Vegas successfully defends Canadian Open title

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP)—Jhonattan Vegas successfully defended his RBC Canadian Open title Sunday at Glen Abbey, beating Charley Hoffman with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.

Vegas' approach from the left bunker on the par-5 18th hit the grass just above the sand lip and still had enough power to clear the water and go through the green.

"When I heard the clip, because obviously I didn't see it, I knew that it was probably going to go in the water, because I didn't know exactly how hard it hit it," Vegas said. "But then when I saw the ball in the air, it was still going really hard and forward."

The 32-year-old Venezuelan chipped to a foot—after racing a chip past the hole in regulation from the same area en route to a par—and won when Hoffman's birdie try from the back bunker slid past the hole.

"It's been a special day," Vegas said. "I knew that I had to shoot a good round today to have a chance to win again. I just came out with an aggressive mentality, just feeling really good about my game. When I started making a few birdies, especially the putt for birdie on 7, I started feeling the same chills that I felt last year when I won, and I just knew that something good could happen if I kept that going."

Vegas closed with a 7-under 65 to match Hoffman at 21-under 267.

Vegas is paying close attention to the turmoil in Venezuela, where people stayed away from the polls in massive numbers Sunday in a show of protest against a vote to grant President Nicolas Maduro's ruling socialist party virtually unlimited powers.

"It's been on my mind. It's always on my mind," Vegas said. "I have family that live there. It's my country of birth. I mean, it hurts. Like I said yesterday, it hurts a lot, seeing the country the way it is; seeing a government that treats people that way when they don't deserve it just to remain in power, and all the suffering that even my family and friends that are having right now, it's just not fair."

Hoffman, the third-round leader, birdied the 18th for a 68.

"I gave myself a chance, except I putted horribly today and left everything short," Hoffman said. "Jhonny played great today. All credit to him."

Hoffman left a 15-foot eagle putt short on the par-5 16th, then had a 10-foot birdie try on the par-4 17th and a 20-footer for eagle on 18 go by the left edges.

"It's always tough after you don't close the deal after having the lead," Hoffman said. "Seventeen, I hit a great putt. Actually thought I made it," Hoffman said. "That green was a little burned out. Thought I made that putt on 17. Eight-teen, I hit a good putt. Sixteen, is the one I want back, right in the jaw strip. Didn't get there."

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way or bus. There were a few days where they trained and had scrimmage with Chelsea Soccer School U-13 Elite Team and Parents' team," said Raymond Zapanta, who accompanied the first group in Hong Kong.

Players from the first batch had Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong's Kwok Kei Poon as its head coach, while coach Takemo Suzuki handled the group's training sessions in the morning and afternoon.

"Sue Sze and Carol Chan assisted with our training schedule and accommodations. We also got support from coaches Stephen and Andy, Ben Lam, and Raymond Tan," Zapanta said.

"Aside from training, we took the kids to Ocean Park the first Sunday and then Disneyland the next Sunday. At night, we took the kids sightseeing and some shopping. We went to Tsim Sha Tsui where they got a view of Victoria Harbour and the city of Hong Kong. They rode the ferry to cross the harbor to Hong Kong island and then rode it back to Kowloon. They went to different shopping malls and night markets in Kowloon and saw how vibrant and crowded it can be when compared to Saipan," he added.

Though they love the sightseeing, the CNMI youth players were more than thankful for the opportunity to train in a high-level facility and under knowledgeable coaches and challenge Hong Kong players.

"The Hong Kong players are really good and they pushed us to play our best. It was really a great experience. The training sessions taught us a lot about discipline," Maniago said.

"We also learned to communicate well with our teammates and have better understanding of the game and our positioning/spacing at the pitch. I am excited to practice what I have learned from Hong Kong once we start playing again here," Fajardo said.

Zapanta, on the other hand, noted the excitement he saw from the players when they were at the artificial turf. He added that players were amazed with some of the new skills they have learned and opportunities like this are what they need to continue to excel.

"These children have the potential to become national team players, and this kind of trips could be that extra motivation and eye-opening experience they need to train harder and be more serious on the field. A lot of times, these children are able to share their experiences with their teammates, and with that, they motivate each other to become better players," Zapanta said.

As for the second batch of CNMI players who attended the two-week camp, Cristy Villaflor said the training sessions in Hong Kong were very important to their development because majority of them began playing the sport late.

"Majority of the players were motivated to do their best to catch up with the drills since most of them started playing soccer late. The new skills and techniques they learned from the Chelsea coaches will definitely help them as they play in actual games this coming fall season," said Villaflor, who accompanied the group of young girls to the summer camp.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	47	.544	—
Boston	57	49	.538	½
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	3½
Baltimore	50	54	.481	6½
Toronto	49	56	.467	8

Central Division

Cleveland	57	46	.553	—
Kansas City	55	48	.534	2
Minnesota	50	53	.485	7
Detroit	47	56	.456	10
Chicago	40	62	.392	16½

West Division

Houston	68	36	.654	—
Seattle	53	53	.500	16
Los Angeles	51	55	.481	18
Texas	50	54	.481	18
Oakland	46	59	.438	22½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	62	41	.602	—
Miami	49	54	.476	13
New York	48	55	.466	14
Atlanta	48	55	.466	14
Philadelphia	38	64	.373	23½

Central Division

Chicago	56	48	.538	—
Milwaukee	55	52	.514	2½
St. Louis	52	53	.495	4½
Pittsburgh	51	54	.486	5½
Cincinnati	42	63	.400	14½

West Division

Los Angeles	74	31	.705	—
Arizona	60	45	.571	14
Colorado	60	46	.566	14½
San Diego	47	58	.448	27
San Francisco	40	66	.377	34½

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Teen Ayuyus vs Hualien FC

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The CNMI Boys U18 National Team's Thaiphi Austria, right, is a step ahead of Hualien Football Club women's team's Wen-Lin Tan as they fight for possession during the first half of their friendly game late last month at the Hopwood Middle School Field. The Teen Ayuyus won, 5-0.

The CNMI's Mareko Tekopua kicks the ball.

One of the coaches of Hualien FC, right, shows Ying-Hui Chen some footwork.

CNMI head coach Michiteru Mita, left, gestures to goalie John Bucayo.

Assistant coach Jonathan Takano waits for the other players as the team gets ready to huddle during the halftime break.

CNMI captain Ryan Relucio loses his balance after colliding against Hualien FC's Li-Chen Tsai.

CNMI head coach Michiteru Mita watches the game from the bench during the latter part of the first half.

Hualien FC head coach Zhu Wen Bin gestures to his players.

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Lopsided wins for F. Marinos, Hakone FC

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F. Marinos and Hakone FC dismantled their respective foes in a pair of girls U17 games in the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Hakone FC and F. Marinos, which are favored to battle for the division championship this Friday, eased past Marianas Health Armada, 4-0, and Isamu United, 7-1, to keep the Top 2 spots in the team standings. F. Marinos wrapped up the double-round robin preliminary with a 5-0-1 win-draw-loss record to stay in first place, while Hakone FC is at close second with its 4-0-1 slate. Hakone FC will have its last game today against Marianas Health Armada and another victory will put the former in a tie for the top spot with F. Marinos. The deadlock will be resolved via goal difference and F. Marinos has 17 with its 25 total goals scored in five games and eight allowed. Hakone FC so far has tallied 34 and yielded 11 for a difference of 23, pending its final game today.

Hakone added seven goals yesterday, thanks to a hat trick from Katrina Costales and a pair from Jasmine Phan. Sharmaine Francisco and Krizel Tuazon chipped in one each. Therize Millare scored the lone goal for Isamu United.

In the first girls U17 match, as expected Guine Borja starred in F. Marinos' shutout win over Isamu United. Borja, who had five goals in their 5-1 triumph against Isamu United last Friday, picked up where she left off, scoring all of F. Marinos' goals in their second straight victory against the same squad.

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Hakone FC's Mia Carreon, center, beats a Isamu United player to the ball during the second half of their girls U17 division game in the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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A Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong coach gives instructions to CNMI youth players before starting their training session during a summer camp in Hong Kong last month.

18 complete soccer camp in HK

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Eighteen youth players from the CNMI attended a summer soccer camp in Hong Kong through the help of Saipan Soccer School and Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong.

The camp participants were divided into two batches with the first one made up of Jerick Ben Quimzon, Jared King, Joshua Daniel Mailig, Nazzir Altamirano, Jim Kurt Maniago, David Kim, Jonathan Mindanao, John Michael Miguel, Zachary Tyler Malakai, Oliver Fajardo. The first group had its camp from June 22 to July 5, while the second one ran from July 10 to 23. Sue Ann Huevos, Marinel Falalimpa, Kristelle Itaas, Hannah Santos, Emalyn Aniana, Charlene Dangana, Lovely Loyola, and Tamisha Sablan attended the second camp. Participants in the camp held training sessions twice a day from Monday to Friday at different pitches in Kowloon and also played in several friendly games.

"The boys mostly walked to and from training, while other times we took the sub-

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Guerrero, Yamagishi win MGA combined ace

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Gerald Guerrero and Calvin Yamagishi ruled the Marianas Golf Association combined May-June Aces of the Month, held last Sunday at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's east course.

Guerrero and Yamagishi ended up tied with two others for the top ranking, but had a 1-2 finish after the count-back. The former clinched the May Ace by half a stroke over the latter, which earned the June monthly award.

MGA held a two-for-one May-June combined monthly ace for July after missing a number of months due to a number of local tournaments—Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Northern Marianas College Foundation, and Tournament of Champions—held earlier in the year.

David Largent and J.J. Atalig were the other two golfers who tied Guerrero and Yamagishi, but ended up third and fourth, respectively.

Yamagishi led the closest to the pin winners in No. 6, while

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Marianas Golf Association officers and members pose for a group photo before the start of the combined Ace of the Month tournament on Sunday at the east course of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.